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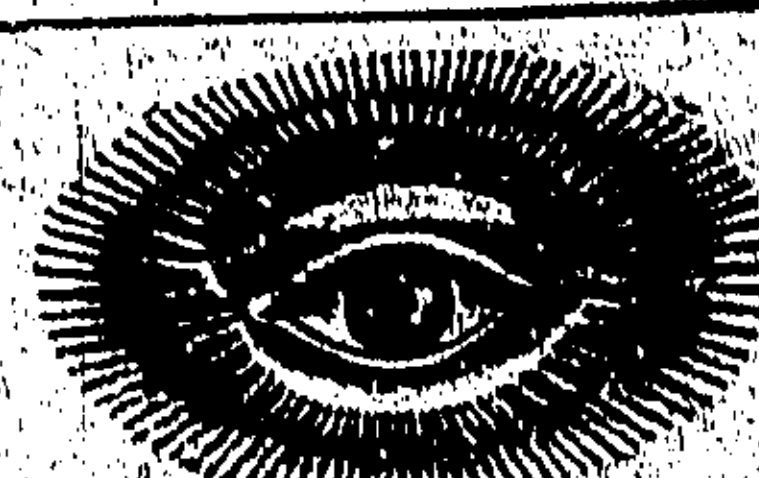
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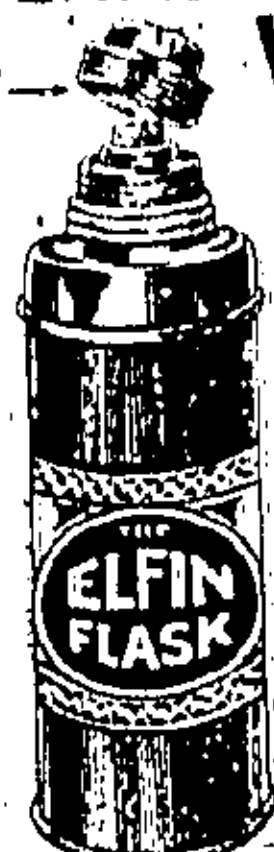


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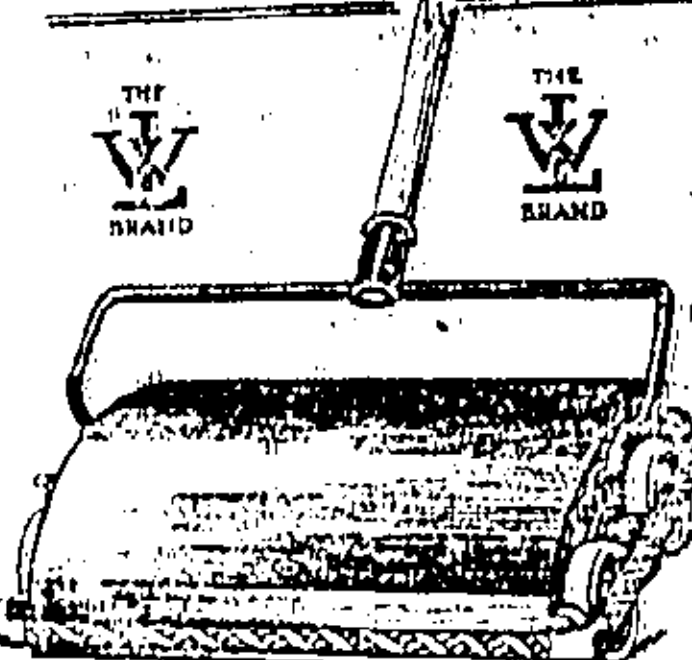
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BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS.

"Impossible to Conceive of Their Rejection."

CABINET MINISTER'S SPEECH.

Only Bolshevik Influence Can Prevent Settlement.

Britain's proposals to the Northern and Southern leaders in China are so far-reaching and generous, according to a Cabinet Minister, that it is impossible to conceive of their rejection, except through the mischief-making of Bolshevik agents.

LIBERAL POLICY.

Far-Reaching Proposals.

Rugby, Jan. 27.
A stage is believed to have been reached in the conversations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen enabling the representatives to put forward a specific offer which elaborates in detail the proposals outlined in the British Memorandum issued on December 25.

Since the British Government is prepared to carry out a liberal policy towards China, irrespective of the parties engaged in civil strife, similar proposals are being



Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Dominions and Colonies, who has made an important speech regarding China.

communicated to the Peking authorities.

In accordance with the spirit of the Washington Treaty, the representatives of all the interested Powers have been acquainted with the terms of the British proposals. The text is not yet published, and in the meantime the garbled versions being circulated should be treated with reserve.—British Wireless Service.

Cabinet Minister's Speech.
The Secretary for Dominions and Colonies, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, speaking at Kilmarnock said that the modifications of the present treaty position which Britain was offering the Northern and Southern leaders would be so far-reaching, generous and considerate of Chinese susceptibilities that it was impossible to conceive of their rejection by any section in China that was influenced by a regard for the welfare, or even the national sentiment of China.

Any such rejection could only be due to extraneous influences, namely the dominance of Bolshevik agents and Bolshevik policy.—Reuter.

QUICK WORK.

Eight Transports Sailing.

London, Jan. 27.
Some 8,400 troops will sail from London and Southampton tomorrow and Saturday for Shanghai. This is the biggest transport problem since the Chanak crisis but excels that operation for celerity and completeness.

The troops include the Green Howards, the Devon's, the Cameronians, the Borderers, the Middlesex and artillery, but Londoners are most interested in the march of the Coldstream Guards to Waterloo. There will be eight transports with the "Shanghai Defence Force" strung out between the Straits of Dover and the Bay of Biscay by Saturday evening.—Reuter.

INDIA'S SHARE.

Princes Offer Troops.

New Delhi, Jan. 27.
The Viceroy is already receiving offers of troops for use in China if required from Indian Princes.—Reuter.

Calcutta, Jan. 28.
The Second Durham's to which is attached a platoon of Indian machine gunners, have sailed for China aboard the "Tabliwa".

Bombay, Jan. 27.
The Second Gloucesters and the 50th Supply Section have sailed for China aboard the "Vasna".—Reuter.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Attacks On The A.P.C.

The following wireless messages were received over-night by the local naval authorities:

False propagandist rumours with regard to the industrial situation in Shanghai have been circulated in Hankow.

Defiant attacks have been made on the Asiatic Petroleum Company throughout China and there is a danger of their penetrating beyond. The situation at Hankow remains quiet.

The situation at Shanghai remains unchanged except that the Omnibus Company strike appears to have been settled.

The first contingent of the Punjab Regiment disembarked without incident.

Warship Intervenes.

A Kiukiang message states that shipping companies are opening a godown on a bulk to allow cargoes to be removed by consignees.

Two attempts made by soldiers at Kiukiang to embark alongside a Butterfield and Swire hulk made it necessary for the "Woodlark" to proceed alongside to afford protection.

About 1,000 troops proceeded down river yesterday.

A.P.C. agents in the province of

POWERS' CONSENT.

Levying of the Washington Surtaxes.

Rugby, Jan. 27.

The representatives of the Powers in China, with the exception of Japan, are presenting an identical Note to the Peking authorities agreeing to the levying of the Washington "surtaxes".—British Wireless Service.

Kiangsu have been threatened with the destruction of tanks and stocks unless they pay impossible fines for being in British employment.

SOVIET TROOPS.

General Staff Activity.

Warsaw, Jan. 27.
A message from Moscow is published to the effect that great activity is being manifested by the Soviet General Staff.
Several regiments of cavalry are standing by, and some Siberian garrisons are already moving to Kalgan, which is 110 miles from Peking.

It is estimated that 50,000 Soviet troops are concentrated on the Manchurian frontier.

The Governments of Canton and Moscow are constantly in secret communication.—Reuter.

LOCAL ROUTE MARCH.

Volunteer Demonstrations.

Members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps have been asked to turn out in full strength for a route march through the City today, leaving Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
A naval detachment will also march through the City, the two detachments taking opposite routes. A similar demonstration has been arranged for Monday.

A RUSSIAN UNIT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Jan. 25.
It is announced that a Russian Unit of the Shanghai Volunteers (Continued on Page 6.)

MR. JUSTICE WOOD.

TO ACT AS CHIEF JUSTICE.

MR. NIBHILL PUISNE JUDGE?

It is understood that Mr. Justice J. E. Wood will act as Chief Justice during the absence on home leave of Sir H. C. Gollan who leaves on February 9.

The presence of Mr. J. R. B. Nibhill on the Summary Court bench this morning, in company with Mr. Justice Wood is an indication that Mr. Nibhill will act as Puisne Judge during the absence of the Chief Justice.

Mr. Nibhill was recently transferred from the Kowloon Magistracy to take over the position of Assistant Attorney General.

LIBEL CHARGE.

Honour of Gladstone Involved.

REMARKABLE ALLEGATIONS.

London, Jan. 27.

Correspondence between Captain Peter Wright and Lord Gladstone in July of 1925, following the publication of Capt. Wright's book "Portraits and Criticisms," in which he said that the Prime Minister Gladstone "founded a great tradition of publicly to speak language of the highest and strictest principle and privately to pursue and possess every sort of woman," had a sequel in the King's Bench, where Captain Wright is suing Lord Gladstone for libel owing to the publication of the letter in which Lord Gladstone termed Captain Wright a "liar, coward and fool" which caused Captain Wright's expulsion from the Bath Club, of which Lord Gladstone was a member.

Captain Wright, in the witness box, gave the names of the alleged informants who told him that Lily Langtry was a mistress of Gladstone. Likewise that Olga Novikoff had been sent over by the Tsarist Government to fascinate Gladstone and did so.

Captain Wright quoted Lord Milner as saying that Gladstone was governed by his seraglio. Most of Captain Wright's informants are dead.

Captain Wright, who is 46 years of age, was Assistant Secretary to the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

The case is continuing.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows:—N. E. winds; fresh; fine to cloudy.

At 11.30 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased slightly over Manchuria and China. It has decreased slightly to moderately over Japan and is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

The anticyclone has strengthened slightly.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.25; temperature 50; humidity 42; wind N.N.E.; force 2; weather overcast.

ROBBERS CAUGHT.

A Chinese concubine living at Sau Wai Village has reported to the Police that while walking towards Hong Kong yesterday, she was waylaid by two men who threatened her with a knife. A struggle followed during which the robbers got away with a gold watch valued at \$60. The woman blew a police whistle which attracted two workmen to the scene, resulting in the subsequent capture of one of the robbers.

MONKEY BITES GIRL.

Two pet monkeys belonging to Private McLochin, K.O.S.B., have been sent to Kennedy Town subsequent to one of them biting Miss Doris Booker, aged 11 years, at Kennedy Road Barracks. Miss Booker has been sent to the Military Hospital for treatment.

"HANOI" PIRACY CASE.

The "Hanoi" piracy case was again formally remanded for one week by Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning. Chief Det. Insp. Murphy informing his Worship that steps were being taken for the extradition of the defendant to Indo-China.

NAVAL YARD THEFT.

Pleading "guilty" to a charge of stealing a quantity of candles from the stores department of the Naval Yard, a casual worker was sent to jail for fourteen days by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Admitting the theft of a gold watch and chain and two jade ornaments, the property of her former employer, a Chinese woman was sent to jail for one month by Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

CHINA POLICY.

America Sets Out Her Position.

FURTHER DETAILS.

New Treaty Must Be Signed Before Old Ones Go.

Further details of America's policy towards China are to hand to-day from Peking, where the statement made by Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, has been made available. The statement shows that American policy is on all fours with British policy.

AWKWARD QUESTION.

With Whom To Negotiate?

Peking, Jan. 28.

Mr. Kellogg's statement regarding China, which is available in Peking, begins by saying that there is at present so much discussion regarding the Chinese situation that it is a duty to state clearly the American position.

America has always desired the unity, independence and prosperity of the Chinese nation. America is prepared to relinquish her extrajurisdiction when China can provide protection by law, through her courts, for American citizens, their rights and their property.

The statement recapitulates American desire to see Chinese national aspirations fulfilled. America desired, before and during the tariff and extrajurisdiction conferences, to meet the legitimate demands of the Chinese people.

The statement declares that at the conference the American delegation was willing to agree to the Washington surtaxes and tariff autonomy. America was ready then, and is ready now, to continue the tariff and extrajurisdiction negotiations. The only question is with whom to negotiate.

Safeguards First.

If China can agree to the appointment of delegates representing the Chinese authorities or people, America is prepared to negotiate a treaty.

The existing treaties, however, cannot be abrogated by the American President, but must be superseded by new treaties negotiated by somebody representing China and subsequently ratified by the American Senate.

The American Government welcomes every Chinese advance towards reorganising the system of government, and has maintained its neutrality during the difficult years of civil war since 1911, but expects the Chinese people and leaders to recognise the right of American citizens to protection of life and property.

If the Chinese authorities are unable to afford such protection, it is the fundamental duty of America to do so. With the possible necessity of this the American naval forces are now in Chinese waters.

America does not hold concessions, or imperialistic aims, but desires its citizens to be given an equal opportunity with those of the other Powers to pursue their legitimate occupations without special privileges or spheres of special interest.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

Further Press Comment.

New York, Jan. 27.

The independent "Times" expresses the opinion that Mr. Kellogg's statement is satisfactory and renews the assurance that the United States is ready to discuss treaty questions with the Chinese. The "Times" points out that nothing can be done until the present wave of excitement has subsided and the fate of foreigners in China has been decided.

UNION RATES.

HANKOW RELIGIOUS ORDERS DEMANDS.

PRAYER FEES INCREASED.

Hankow, Jan. 28.

The Chinese monks, nuns and priests have formed a union demanding union rates for offering prayers.

They paraded through the Concessions to-day in a body of two thousand with banners, license and music, notifying the public of the increase in prayer rates.

Special significance is attached to Mr. Kellogg's declaration that the United States will hold no concessions in China, and has never manifested any imperialistic attitude towards China.

This declaration follows the words "This Government wishes to deal with China in a very liberal spirit," and the papers regard it as somewhat of a reflection on the Powers who have concessions, but this conclusion seems inconsistent.



Mr. Kellogg, America's Secretary of State, who has issued a statement on his country's policy towards China.

with the fact that the whole tone of the statement is friendly, and Mr. Kellogg is speaking only for the United States.—Reuter's American Service.

Senator Borah's Views.

Washington, Jan. 27.

In his first formal statement on the Chinese situation, Senator Borah declared that America's policy in the Orient should envisage a free, disinterested China. He expressed the opinion that British action in sending a large naval and military force might have disastrous results.—Reuter's American Service.

North and South.

Washington, Jan. 27.

In amplification of Mr. Kellogg's formal declaration on China, assurances have been given by the State Department that the American Government is willing to enter into negotiations for revision of the Chinese treaties with both the warring Cantoneses and Northern factions.

No proposals have yet been received from China for the initiation of such discussions.

On the contrary, the information hitherto received has been in the nature of a protest from both sides against any steps by the United States to deal with the opposing factions.

Ambassador's Statement.

The Ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, in a statement, after calling on Mr. Kellogg, said he considered the latter's declaration an excellent document which would probably please London. He saw no serious divergence in it from the announced British policy. He believed all the Western nations recognised that there must be some modification of relations with China. The only question was how to bring this about. The United States would have to protect its citizens in China as it was doing in Nicaragua, but it would be a different job in China.—Reuter.

COOLIE'S FATAL FALL.

A coolie sustained fatal injuries yesterday afternoon as a result of falling from the top of a rice stack at No. 1004, Canton Road, Kowloon.

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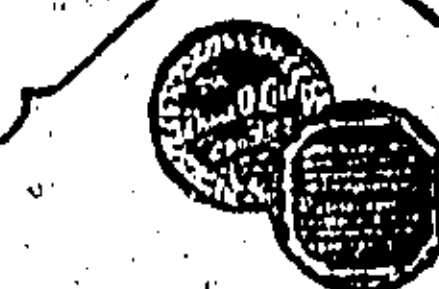


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NOTICE.

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Water Authority,
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 23th January, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 26th January, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

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All Ladies & Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA:
To receive and pass the Committee's Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

To elect Officers & a new Committee for the current year.

To fix the date of the Annual Flower Show, which the outgoing Committee recommend should be held on Thursday, 10th March, 1927.

To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hong Kong and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 21st January, 1927.

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E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent,
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

EXTRACTS FROM THIS WEEK'S ORDER.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Extracts from this week's orders of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are as under:—

Casuals.

Musketry Part II at Stonecutters on Sunday, January 30.

This is the last opportunity for members of the Corps who have not yet completed Part II to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier, at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Field Day.

A Field Day will be held in the neighbourhood of Fanling on Sunday, Feb. 13. Full details will be published later. This will count as one day in camp for those who have been unable to complete the requisite four days.

Annual Inspection.
The G.O.C. will inspect the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Tuesday, February 22, on Murray Parade ground.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend. Further details will be issued later.

Members are reminded that attendance at the above inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Artillery Company.

City and Taikoo Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Subject: Lecture by Lieut. G. H. Stone-Stanley, R.A.

Transport for Taikoo Section will be at Taikoo Dock, East Gate, at 4.45 p.m.

Engineer Company.

Field, Signal and Light Sections parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

Subject: Squad drill with arms. Dress: Must!

Mounted Infantry.

All those who have not yet fired Part II Musketry course must make a point of attending at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 30.

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(1)—All those who have not yet fired Part II Musketry course must make a point of attending at Stonecutters Range to-day or next Sunday.

(2)—There will be a parade for all members of the Company at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, Jan. 31 at 5.30 p.m.

In view of the near approach of the General's Inspection it is important that there should be a large attendance at these parades and at which there will be instruction in Arms Drill followed by shooting on the Miniature Range.

N.C.O.'s will see that their sections attend both the musketry course and these special parades.

Infantry Company.

Parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, February 1, at 5.30 p.m.

No. 1 Platoon: Lewis Gun Elementary Handling under L/Sgt. S. Jarvis, M.C.—No. 2 Platoon: Arms and Squad drill for those detailed under Sgt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

Lewis Gun Sections: Elementary Handling under Section Commanders. Remainder for signalling class.

Tuesday, February 8 at 5.30 p.m.

No. 1 Platoon: Signalling at Headquarters for those detailed—No. 2 Platoon at Kennedy Road Range under Lt. E. J. R. Mitchell—Lewis Gun firing and elementary

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UNDRAWN PRIZES.

CAR AND NECKLACE SOLD.

The "Flat" motor car and diamond necklace, undrawn prizes in the "Lucky Dip" of St. Paul's Girls' College bazaar, were sold by public auction yesterday at Messrs. Lammet Bros. Sales rooms, the proceeds being for charity.

The car was bought for \$1,757 by Mr. J. M. Wong, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Bazaar Committee.

Mr. Lam Woo bought the necklace for \$406.

The proceeds of the sale are to be divided among the Tung Wah Hospital (40 per cent.), the M.C.L. (40 per cent.), the Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon City (10 per cent.), and the Kowloon City Blind Home (10 per cent.).

Mr. George Grimble was re-elected President of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association at the annual meeting yesterday over which he presided.

Mr. Lo Cheung-shin was nominated for this office, but stating that although he did not wish to leave the chairmanship he thought that the honour of being elected President should pass round.

Mr. Lo Cheung-shin was communicated with and whilst appreciative of the honour done him in asking him to accept the post, felt that he had to decline the invitation.

Mr. Samy then proposed that Mr. Grimble be re-elected. Mr. Lo Man-hin, seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

The statement of accounts was adopted on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Ho Kwong.

Year's Report.
The following report on the year's working was presented:

The General Committee have the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December, 1926.

The total number of members, including 104 Life Members, is 299. During the year, seven Life Members were enrolled.

The death of Messrs. Ho Fook and Ng Shuk-kon is recorded with regret.

The finance of the Association, in spite of the heavier expenditure during the year, is satisfactory.

The General Account shows credit balances of \$892.30 on Current Account and \$6,376.01 on Fixed Deposit, a total of \$7,268.31.

The Sixth Annual Dinner of the Association followed by a concert was held on the 13th of March, 1926. There was an attendance of 251 members and their guests.

The subscriptions to defray the cost of the entertainment amounted to \$1,500.00 and the expenditure totalled \$1,694.76, showing a deficit of \$194.76, which appears in the General Account.

In view of the poor attendance at the Annual Cricket and Football Matches in the past, it was decided to circulate the members to attend the College Annual Sports Meeting at which events for old boys were provided and all the pupils were invited to partake of refreshments at the expense of the Association.

The General Committee recommends this phase of the Association's activities for the favourable consideration of the incoming General Committee.

The General Committee takes this opportunity to record the thanks of the Association to the members who served on the different Sub-Committees in connection with the Annual Dinner and the College Annual Sports, to Mr. William Wong for auditing the accounts, to The Union Trading Co., Ltd., for the loan of one of its offices for all Committee Meetings and to the College Prefects for supervising the distribution of the College Magazine.

New Officers.
In addition to the President the following officers were elected: Messrs. A. H. Crook and Lee Hy-an (vice-presidents), Mr. C. G. Anderson (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Chow Ping-un (Hon. Treasurer), General Committees elected are: Messrs. C. G. Anderson, C. Choa, Chow Ping-un, S. M. Churn, J. F. Crose, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, H. K. Hung, Chung Pak, F. M. el Arculli, Chiu Ho Ping, Lo Man-hin, Ho Sai-chong, A. P. Samy, The Ching-fong and H. G. Wallington.

The Hungarian Embassy at Berlin denies the reported Hungarian-Russian negotiations at Berlin.

Arms and Squad drill for those detailed under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C.—Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons at Miniature Range under 2/Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Leave.
Capt. S. J. Jordain, M.C., rejoined from leave on January 24.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—Pte. J. Choa, A.C. Co., from Jan. 24 to Jan. 23, 1928; Sgt. L. P. Ralph, No. 1 Platoon, from March 1 to Feb. 28, 1928.

Resignations.
The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—Pte. I. W. Shewan, A.C. Co.; Pte. E. J. Ainslie, Reserve Co.

Marksman.
The undermentioned have qualified as Marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—Pte. E. R. Dovey, A.C. Co., 93 points; Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett, Reserve Co., 91 points; Sergt. F. Cullen, A.C. Co., 90 points; Spr. P. C. Morgan, Engineer Co., 90 points.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. Friday, 4th February.
BORNEO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.
INDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo. Wednesday, 23rd February.
PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon. Friday, 25th February.
TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon. Saturday, 6th February.
SEKKOW MARU Saturday, 6th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports. Thursday, 27th January.
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI. Thursday, 24th February.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 24th February.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco, and Panama. HAWAII MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.
JAPAN PORTS. Friday, 23rd January.
BATAVIA MARU Saturday, 12th February.
ALASKA MARU Saturday, 12th February.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY. Sunday, 30th Jan. 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 6th February, 10 a.m.
KAIJO MARU Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY. Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.
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THE NEED FOR FASTER
SHIPS.

UNITED STATES HANDICAP.

Construction of cargo vessels of modern type and higher speed in order to enable the U.S. Merchant Marine to meet foreign competition was advocated by Brigadier-General A. C. Dalton, president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in his address before the New York Board of Trade and Transportation. "The disposition of the people to regard the present fleet as adequate is a handicap in the development of our Merchant Marine," he said. "I regard the present fleet as merely an emergency creation, such as the army encampments and other war-time developments."

"We have at present 327 ships operating in 25 services against foreign competition. These are vessels with a speed of only nine or ten knots, whereas their competitors have Diesel-engined vessels with a speed of 15 or 16 knots. The result is that the foreign vessels get the high-grade freight and we get the low-grade freight. One might as well try to compete against a railroad with an ox team service. However, we are gradually building up a sense among our foreign competitors that America is coming into her own on the seas."

What Competing Nations Have Learnt.

"The older nations of Europe and also our younger competitors in the Orient, Australia, and South America have learned that the only sure means of their exports reaching a favourable market and their imports being carried with regularity at reasonable rates, is the control of their own shipping. We have now reached that stage of our industrial development in which we are faced with the necessity of finding foreign markets for our surplus products and of establishing trade relations."

"The necessity for creating a fire department is never impressed upon a community until there has been some disastrous fire. No merchant marine crisis has faced our people since the world war until the far-reaching effects of the present British coal strike deprived our ships at a crucial period of the service of foreign flag shipping, for the moving of their seasonal products. This crisis has clearly demonstrated to what extent we may depend upon foreign shipping in emergency, and to what degree we are dependent upon an American flag merchant marine."

Part of National Defence. Profits derived from the movement of cotton and grain from Gulf ports by Shipping Board vessels during the recent emergency have been estimated by a representative of the Gulf shipping interests, General Dalton said, at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. He added that many telegrams had been received from Southern Senators and Representatives commending the action of the board, and promising legislative support for the American merchant marine.

Referring to a recent statement to the effect that it did not matter whether the merchant ships were operated under the American flag or not, General Dalton said the American merchant marine must be considered part of the national defence. "During the war emergency," he said, "the 'Leviathan' had made a contribution of service unequalled by any other vessel, as she carried a total of 12,000 troops on voyage after voyage."

In conclusion, General Dalton pointed to the importance of developing tidewater terminals as the connecting link between land and sea transportation systems, and said there was great need for the establishment of three or four free ports such as have been established in Europe. "We are looking forward to a building programme that will give America the right kind of ships to meet foreign competition on the high seas."

Fleet Value. Mr. J. Harry Philbin, vice-president of the Fleet Corporation, who followed General Dalton, said the maintenance of an American merchant marine is in effect an insurance to American shippers of reasonable rates for ocean transportation. "A fair estimate of the value of the fleet actively employed in 1925," he said, "would be \$15,000,000. Interest and depreciation on this valuation at 10 per cent, he said, would make an annual capital charge of \$1,500,000, which, added to the operating deficit of \$4,300,000, would give a total of \$5,800,000 for that year."

This, he said, is the premium paid to insure a foreign trade amounting to \$800,000,000, the premium rate on this basis being less than a quarter of 1 per cent. The amount, he added, is less than 28 cents per capita and less than one-half of 1 per cent of cut total taxation. The sending of Shipping Board tonnage to the Gulf during the recent crisis, he said, had, according to qualified economists, sustained the market for grain and cotton to an amount of between \$120,000,000 and \$130,000,000, which would have been suffered as a loss had the markets not been properly supported by ocean transportation.

Ships Diverted. "Our coastwise and intercoastal service," Mr. Philbin added, "naturally form a reserve which should be available to carry peak loads in other trades. If this were true, the coastwise and intercoastal services to-day might have stepped into the picture to relieve the situation in the Gulf. However, the owners naturally are going to place their tonnage into the trades that are profitable, and we find, as a result of this, that 17 operators have withdrawn 35 ships from the intercoastal and coastwise services and placed them in the United Kingdom, Mediterranean, and other regions due to the British coal strike."

"Thus we see that if the Shipping Board did not bear a hand in the Gulf cotton and grain movement under present conditions this move could be practically paralysed."

SINGAPORE BASE.

VIEWS OF A RETIRED
ADMIRAL.

On December 11, the Spectator published an article on the Singapore naval base. In the following week's issue, Admiral G. A. Ballard (retired) makes the following observations on this question: "It fell to my lot as Assistant-Director of Naval Intelligence at the Admiralty during the Russo-Japanese War, to prepare the Admiralty report on the lessons regarding sea fortresses to be learnt from the story of Port Arthur. This report was approved by the Government and formed the basis of the instructions under which the specially appointed Owen Committee revised the scale of sea defence works at all fortified ports and anchorages in the United Kingdom and Crown Colonies. I may claim, therefore, some acquaintance with this particular subject."

An Imperial Question. "For myself I entirely agree with your view that this is emphatically an Imperial question, in which some at least of the overseas Dominions are vitally interested, and I am glad to see the prominence accorded to it by the Spectator. But I differ altogether from the contention that the problem of Singapore offers any prospective parallel to the case of Port Arthur, or that we may anticipate the necessity of sending many divisions of troops to hold Singapore in war."

The Japanese were able to invest Port Arthur in overwhelming force only because they had first driven the Russian Fleet completely off the sea, and held it under close watch. That meant that their own sea route to Port Arthur was absolutely safe for the conveyance of attacking troops in any numbers they pleased, while their enemy was cut off from sending any reinforcements whatever to the line of sea communication. The Japanese were short enough for a limited volume of transport to compete with the traffic. And lastly, the troops were unthreatened by the danger of submarines, which in those days did not exist."

"All this would be different in the case of Singapore. It would be a mad enterprise for the Japanese to send a huge army across the 3,000 miles of sea separating Japan from the Straits of Malacca unless the British Navy had first been destroyed or reduced to impotence, batteries, submarines, and all. But if matters had already reached that stage, the safety of Singapore would have dwindled to a mere side issue in a general catastrophe overtaking the whole Empire."

Right Position Absolutely Essential. "You raise the question of substituting a base in Australia for Singapore. But may I point out that the whole object of creating a first-class naval base on the east side of the Indian Ocean is to meet the requirements of a fleet stationed to protect the Imperial lines of communication in that ocean against an attack from the Pacific. And the first absolute essential for a naval base is that it must be in the right position, that is to say, within the operating area of the fleet for the use of which it has been created. A base in Australia, 3,000 miles distant, would be perfectly useless to a fleet engaged in watching the Malayan Straits, and money expended in providing it utterly wasted. I think you will find therefore that your 'nightmare' is only a nightmare after all, which will dissolve to its right proportions on closer examination in waking hours; and perhaps I may say that these views are the result of six years' laborious study of kindred problems at Whitehall."

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURE.

Among the first-class passengers who sailed from Hong Kong for Manila on the "President Jackson" on Jan. 27 were:—

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Anderson, Mrs. E. G. Anderson, Miss Vera Barger, Mr. W. W. Baer, Miss Bau Wong-mai, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Brown, Mr. E. R. Cutting, Mrs. G. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cox, Mr. H. Dickinson, Miss J. G. Dilworth, Mr. J. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedel, Miss A. Hanagan, Miss D. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Iserson, Mr. F. and Miss L. Llongson, Mrs. J. T. Mason, Miss A. S. Maybaw, Mr. S. A. Moss, Mr. O. E. Nelson, Miss F. Purdy, Miss H. Rietvelt, Mr. R. S. Rogers, Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Ruegg, Mrs. J. L. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Scyp, Mr. J. W. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Thompson, Mr. G. Trewartha, Mr. H. Uveda, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters, Mr. M. W. Vaughn, Mr. E. Cathomas, Corp. A. L. Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Loewenthal, Mr. Pala Singh, Mrs. L. W. Holden, Dr. J. F. Watson, Dr. D. B. Macquenn, Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Schaefer, Mrs. D. W. J. and Miss M. Sutton, Mrs. N. and Miss C. Beaman, Mrs. M. Farley, Mrs. P. P. Wiant, Miss E. Cooper, Miss L. Ankeny, Miss E. S. Perkins, Miss M. Baucher, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Steinhinger, Dr. T. H. Coole, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lacey and family, Mr. W. Hing Taylor, Mr. Y. Iida, Mr. Lee C. Chuan, Miss J. E. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. de Villiers, Mr. M. Maricotto, Miss S. de Villiers, Mr. A. M. Amend, Mr. Wee Ah-yu, Mrs. Mak Shong, Mr. E. Fernandez, Mr. G. Evans, Father J. J. Toomey, Mr. Ong Kong-suy, Mr. Uy Foon, Mr. A. Gutierrez, Mr. W. Clement.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
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KEDDIPPORE	5,334	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	5,097	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NELLORE	6,852	26th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MAHUA	10,902	26th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'bay
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NYANZA	7,923	14th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	26th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	26th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	1st April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	5,097	27th April	Marseilles & London
MAHUA	10,902	30th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHGAR	9,005	14th May	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	24th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,923	24th May	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	29th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
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SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
TANDA	6,953	4th March	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Melbourne
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TALMA	10,000	29th Jan.	Amoy, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,852	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SHIRALA	7,841	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NAGPORE	5,283	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,953	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,923	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLIWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAFORE	5,282	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MAHUA	10,902	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	5,097	1st April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,923	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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BUT MADE IT A FINE OLD
JOKE.

UNORTHODOX COUNSELLOR.

London.—A cheery Dutch auction
is described by The Haguel corres-
pondent of "The Times" in connec-
tion with the sale of the furniture
of M. Coreman, a Rotterdam town
councillor, and formerly a tramp,
who was overwhelmingly elected by
disgusted ratepayers as a protest
against municipal politics generally.
His unusual theories frequently
secured him election from the
council chamber. He established
a cafe, and called it "The Temple
of the Rabbie." He refused to pay
taxation, and his furniture was dis-
tributed to recover his liability of
85 florins.

He paraded the streets as a
sandwich-man, announcing the
sale "In the Queen's Name." The
cafe was bedecked with flowers and
Christmas trees.

A coffin in the window contained
a doll, bearing the epitaph, "Here
rests John Contraband, who died
of taxation."

The apocryphal crowd was kept
within bounds by the police.
The furniture brought 103 florins,
all being sold, except one chair,
which was returned to Coreman by
a sympathiser, who purchased
it by means of a collection from
the crowd so that his business could
continue.

Several arrests were made
when drinks were distributed in
celebration of Coreman's moral
victory.

WOMEN IN WAR.

GENERAL'S TRIBUTE TO
WOMEN.

The seventh Old Comrades' Association dinner of ex-members of
Queen Mary's Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was held at Harrod's
Stores, Dame Helen Gwynne
Vaughan presiding, and among the
principal guests were the Earl of
Onslow, General Sir Nevill
Macready, Bt., and Lieut.-General
Sir H. M. Lytton.
Lieut.-General Lawson claimed to
be the spiritual father of the
"Waacs" and of a family of 53,000
children. During the early years
of the war he had the Northern
Command, and it was wonderful to
see how women in those times hur-
ried to take the places of men in
civil life. In the Northern Com-
mand they at first profited by this
example by employing women in
driving motor-cars and then as
clerks, store-keepers, sorters, cooks,
and waitresses. In a short time
they had an extraordinary number
of women doing a wonderful amount
of work for the Army. He was
eventually sent out to France to
conduct a survey on the subject of
man-power and was surprised to
find in France a quarter of a mil-
lion men in the rear area, which
was in point of view of danger no
worse than England where air-raid-
ing was in progress. Strong men
were there working as clerks, check-
ers, and other occupations, which
women had been doing elsewhere.
He at once saw that there was a
tremendous room for women in the
back areas, and so he had the senior
officers collected together and told
them of the wonderful work women
were doing in England and the dif-
ferent positions they filled. When
he went out to France again their
chairman was already out there.
The "Waacs" did not want to be
treated any differently from other
soldiers, and that spirit was one of
the reasons why their organisation
was such a great and lasting suc-
cess.

The Earl of Onslow gave the toast
of "H.M. Forces."

CHRISTIAN LIBERTY.

SIR HENRY SLESSER'S
FEARS.

Speaking on Christian liberty
at Whitefield's Mission, Totten-
ham Court Road, Sir Henry
Slessor, K.C., M.P., said that a
development of modern times,
which was most disquieting, was
the tendency to belittle the im-
portance of freedom and liberty.
To the extent that this faith was
lost, grew the tendency to belittle
liberty. In Victorian times there
was a great belief in democracy,
but to-day a great change was
observable. "There are many
young people," said Sir Henry,
"who are sympathetic to Bolshe-
vik ideas, others to those of the
Fascist, but they have lost that
belief in the rights of personality
which distinguished the old Vic-
torian radical, and that is due, I
think, to the loss of the belief in
the miraculous in human nature,
to a decay in the belief in per-
sonal immortality. One hundred
years ago in Europe it would have
been regarded as eccentricity to
look upon this life as the sole pur-
pose of existence. I wish I could
think that to-day."

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Canton	KWONGSANG	Mon., 31st Jan., at 6 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Tues., 1st Feb., at 1 p.m.
T'au via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 2nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Sat., 5th Feb., at Noon.
Tientsin	CHONGSANG	Sun., 6th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Haiiphong	MINGSANG	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Fri., 11th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Straits via Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	NAMSANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 17th Feb., at 2 p.m.
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WHY KEMAL SCORED.

London.—Referring to the Pope's
appeal to Catholic men's organiza-
tions to make an effort to bring
about a modification of the modern
feminine dress fashions, the "Daily
News" says that the Pope is under
a delusion if he anticipates perma-
nent substantial results from his
pronouncement.

Real dictators, like Mussolini,
who vainly endeavoured to
standardise the dress of the colour-
ful Italian women, and General
Pangalos, who sought to adjust the
length of the modern Greek
frocks, both failed.

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ishing the veil was obeyed only
because it suited the taste of Tur-
kish women in their first fiercely
joyous pang of sex emancipation.

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feminine modes, which, according
to medical testimony, more truly
preserve the sacredness of the
human body than ever since
fashions began. The Pope might
have appealed more usefully to
women to correct the hygienic
defects and the deplorable dullness
of the modern male attire."

DANCE OF SAVAGES.

WHERE CHARLESTON CAME
FROM.

The superintendent of the American
Methodist Episcopal Church in the
Transvaal and East Africa, con-
demning the Charleston, says the
dance had its origin in the African
jungle, where he had seen it per-
formed by savages.

Other clergymen point out that
while they are endeavouring to
wean the natives from barbaric
tribal dances, the knowledge that
Europeans are dancing the Charle-
ston must puzzle the natives and in-
fluence them adversely.

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KAMAKURA MARU Saturday, 6th February.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

TOTTORI MARU Saturday, 29th January.

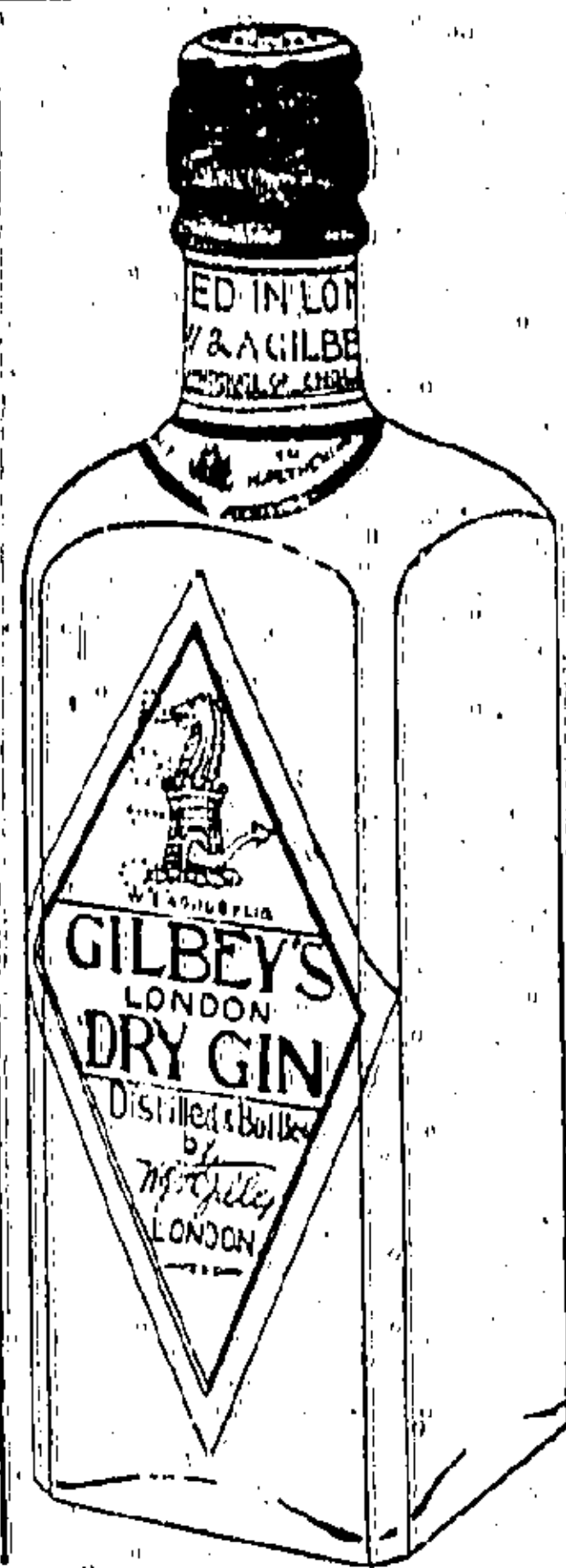
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BIRTH.

BARNES.—On January 6, 1927, at
Manila, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C.
Barnes, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HALL—LYNCH.—On January 22,
1927, at Shanghai, Charles
Thomas Hall, elder son of Mr.
C. E. Hall, of Shanghai and the
late Mrs. Hall, to Kathleen
Bridget Lynch, eldest daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lynch,
of Sydney, Australia.

BROOMHALL—ARTHUR.—On
January 24, 1927, at Shanghai,
Janet, eldest daughter of Mr.
George Arthur, of Shanghai and
the late Mrs. Arthur, to
Benjamin Hudson Miles, son of
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Broomhall,
of Shanghai.

Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 28, 1927.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

Wednesday's cables stated that
President Coolidge had been re-
presented as seeing a wide differ-
ence between the British and the
American problems in China, the
United States being without con-
cessions in that country. Hence,
the cables added, there were pos-
sibilities of wide differences in
general policy. Yesterday an-
other cable was received giving
the substance of Mr. Kellogg's
long-awaited statement on United
States in policy in China. This
statement, instead of revealing
wide differences between British
and American general policy,
showed that such are practically
the same. The United States is
prepared to negotiate new treaties
with China, acting, if necessary,

independently of the other
Powers, but it cannot abrogate
the existing treaties until the
new treaty has been signed and
ratified by the Senate, and mean-
while it will hold the naval forces
available in Chinese waters to
protect American life and prop-
erty should the Chinese authori-
ties fail to accord protection.
What is that but simply, what
Britain is doing? Our Govern-
ment is prepared, as to-day's
cables announce, to carry out gen-
erous and far-reaching proposals
—proposals which can only be re-
jected through the interference
of mischievous outsiders, such as
the agents of Soviet Russia. But,
like America, we must have safe-
guards. The existing treaties
cannot be abrogated until the new
one has been signed. Nor can we,
any more than America, leave our
nationals to their fate in a coun-
try where civil strife is in full
swing, and where their safety is
by no means assured. Certainly
the United States is not sending
to the Far East any more troops
for the purpose of protecting her
nationals, but the American forces
in the Pacific, what with the men
available at Guam and in the
Philippines, are already adequate
for the purpose—especially as the
British reinforcements will put
the safety of Shanghai, the most
important of the danger centres,
beyond all possible doubt. Hence,
the warning that we were to look
for wide differences in general
policy seems to have been as mis-
leading as it was unnecessary.

There are no such wide differ-
ences. Both countries are ac-
tuated by the same broad mo-
tives of justice and goodwill to-
wards the Chinese. Both have
the common-sense to see that
guarantees and safeguards are
imperative in the existing circum-
stances. Therefore, Mr. Kellogg's
statement, which seems to ex-
press very much the same spirit
as the British Memorandum, can
undoubtedly be accepted in the
light in which it has been receiv-
ed in London, namely as an exam-
ple of the best kind of co-opera-
tion—co-operation depending not
on formal agreements but on com-
mon action towards a great prob-
lem.

Aircraft Carriers.

Although practically unused in
war, the aircraft carrier is becom-
ing a more and more important

unit of the British Fleet. This
arises from the fact that aircraft
are exerting an ever-increasing
influence on naval tactics, and
the carrier is, so far, the only
means of providing an adequate
force of aeroplanes when the fleet
is out of range of a shore aero-
drome. The value of aircraft
from a naval point of view de-
pends, according to an authority,
essentially upon planes being in-
stantly available when and where
required. In view of the an-
nouncement that H.M.S. "Argus"
is to join the "Vindictive" and
"Hermes" on the China Station,
some observations in this connec-
tion may be of interest. By the
Washington Agreement Great
Britain is limited in regard to the
total tonnage of aircraft carriers
of over 10,000 tons each. At the
present time she has only two
vessels that come under the cate-
gory, namely H.M.S. "Eagle" and
H.M.S. "Hermes," respectively
22,700 tons and 10,950 tons. The
"Vindictive" comes just under
the required displacement, being
9,750 tons. However, the "Furi-
ous," "Glorious," and "Courage-
ous," if our information is correct,
will shortly be in commission as
aircraft-carriers. The displace-
ment of the first-named is 19,100
tons, whilst that of the two latter
ships, 13,800 tons. When their
conversion is completed Britain
will only have sufficient tonnage
allowance in hand to permit her
to construct one more big carrier.
These three vessels, and possibly
a fourth, will make a very fine
carrier squadron, especially if
augmented by the somewhat
slower "Hermes" and "Eagle."

CORRESPONDENCE.

A HONG KONG RICSHA MISSION.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—A month ago a meeting was
held in the Colony at which some
considerable discussion took place
in regard to the founding of a
Mission to the Rishamen on a
charity to Mr. Matheson's great
of the general public who were
present at that meeting were led
to understand that the provisional
committee then appointed would
call another meeting within a week
or two, when a report of certain
investigations would be made
public. As the weeks have slipped
by, and silence appears to be the
order of the day, may I inquire
whether the project has been drop-
ped?

Perhaps you, Sir, or some of
your readers may know something
about it.

Yours, etc.,
T. J. W.

Hong Kong, Jan. 26, 1927.

"RED TRIANGLE."

THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.'S MAGAZINE.

The first issue of "The Red
Triangle," a magazine which it is
intended to produce monthly at
the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon,
has made its appearance. Secre-
taries of Committees directing
various forms of mental and
bodily activity run under the
aegis of the local Association con-
tribute articles reviewing events
and setting out their aims. Sir
Arthur Yapp, Head of the
Y.M.C.A., contributes an article
from Headquarters.

There are a few contributed
articles but, in view of the indica-
tions of hidden talent given at
debates held locally, it is rather
surprising that there are not
more to take the place of rather
lengthy reviews of books and
periodicals. Perhaps budding
authors are unduly shy of the
limitations that might be read
into "the indefinable and fugitive
spirit" of the organisation which
contributors are asked to capture
in their articles.

The Secretary of the Literary
and Debating Society contributes
an excellent article on the right
spirit in which to approach a de-
bate.

WILL OF CORTES FOUND

London, Jan. 15.

According to a Madrid corres-
pondent, a Mexican priest, search-
ing the Colonial archives at
Seville has just discovered the
last will of the famous Spanish
soldier, Hernan Cortes, the con-
queror of Mexico. The discovery
is the result of research over ten
years, and it is expected to throw
new light on the life of one of
Spain's most noted leaders.

Rome, Jan. 27.—Sig. Varo, Min-
ister to Luxembourg has been trans-
ferred to Peking, replacing Sig. De
Rossi who has been transferred to
Bangkok.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S PROPOSALS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Corps is in process of formation for
the defence of the International
Settlement.

Modelled along the same lines as
the existing unit for the French
Concession, the new unit will com-
prise two companies of 150 strong
each, recruited from the many
"White" Russians at present in the
Settlement.

It is understood that the unit
when formed will have permanent
billetts, thereby adding considerably
to the defence reserves of the settle-
ment.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Comment on America's Attitude.

New York, Jan. 27.

Mr. Kellogg's statement on China
is published in this morning's
papers side by side with lengthy
accounts of what is termed the
"race to rule Shanghai" between
the British and Cantonese.

The statement is regarded as a
reply to the British Memorandum
on China, also to Mr. Porter's re-
solution of January 20, and to the
recent declarations by the Foreign
Ministers of the Northern and
Southern Chinese factions.

The Washington correspondent
of the "Tribune," which is pro-
Government, characterises Mr.
Kellogg's statement as an "amazing
statement, urging a free China,"
and says Mr. Kellogg tells the world
that his government stands for re-
cognising China on a basis of in-
ternational equality.—Reuter's
American Service.

British Opinion.

London, Jan. 27.

It is learned that competent
circles in London welcome the
views on China expressed by the
United States Government, as an
example of the best kind of co-
operation, namely co-operation de-
pending not on formal agreements
but on common action towards a
great problem.

Mr. Kellogg's note seems to ex-
press very much the same spirit as
the British Memorandum.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S MOVE.

A New Treaty To Be Made?

Tokyo, Jan. 27.

It is understood that the Govern-
ment authorities yesterday held a
conference at which it was decided
that a new Sino-Japan treaty
should be concluded upon equal
footing with mutual recognition,
and most favoured nation treatment
being likewise specified.

Other points decided are under-
stood to include:
1. The recognition of China's
tariff autonomy after the treaty
has become effective, under certain
provisions.

2. The abolition of extraterritorial
shall be recognised in principle,
after which the right of residence
and business enterprise shall be
granted to Japanese in any part
of China.

3. China is to recognise a gra-
duated tariff on Japanese cotton
yarn, tissue, and similar special ex-
ports.

4. The question of the surtax
will not be taken up in the present
treaty negotiations, as international
agreement is required first.

5. Chinese vessels will be per-
mitted to operate in the coastal
trade in Japanese waters.—Reuter.

Previous Report Premature.

Though alleged decisions reached
at yesterday's conference on the
Sino-Japanese treaty revision were
obtained from an apparently re-
liable source, it is now stated
officially that no discussion took
place and no decisions were made,
the Government merely explaining
to the heads of departments con-
cerned how the question now
stands.—Reuter.

CHINA AND LEAGUE.

Viscount Cecil's Views.

London, Jan. 27.

Viscount Cecil, at Trowbridge, ex-
pressed the opinion that no solution
could be found or seemed likely to
be found in the near future for the
Chinese situation. He said that
nobody desired more than himself
that the troubles of China should
be taken over by the League of
Nations and if the Cantonese de-
sired it—whether they represented
a government or not—he was sure
the British Government would be
only too glad to get the matter
transferred to an atmosphere where
a real settlement could be reached.
—Reuter.

Situation Reviewed.

Rugby, Jan. 27.

Speaking last night on the Chin-
ese situation, Lord Cecil, after de-
claring that all the Government had
ever striven to attain were fair con-
ditions for trade, said the British
Government were very ready to dis-
cuss with the Chinese Government
whatever modification and changes
he thought desirable to end the
anomalies that admittedly existed
in the special conditions of the
foreign concessions.

But till that was done, the posi-
tion remained as settled by treaties
and agreements.
He referred to untrue propaga-
nda circulated regarding the Hankow
episode, and emphasised that no
single Chinese was killed, and the
manner in which the small British
force bore themselves was a tribute
to their great discipline and self-
restraint.

The re-opening of the bank's
since had shown the desire of the
British to do everything that was
conciliatory and reasonable towards
the Chinese.

Lord Cecil said the first duty of
the Government was to protect its
citizens, and that was the sole ob-
ject in sending troops to China.
The British Government recog-
nised definitely and unreservedly
the strength of the new Nationalist
sentiment in China.

Canton and the League.

Regarding the suggestion that
the League of Nations might be
invoked, Lord Cecil said: "The diffi-
culty was that Britain had no dis-
pute with China as such. If our
difficulties were the Cantonese, the
only hope of bringing the matter
before the League would be if the
Cantonese themselves were to de-
sire it." In that case, whether the
Cantonese represented a govern-
ment or not, the British Government
would, he said, still desire to raise
no meticulous objections, but
would be only too glad to get the
matter transferred to an atmosphere
where real settlement could be
arrived at. In the meantime they
were doing their best.

Regarding the detailed proposals
being presented at Hankow through
Mr. O'Malley to the Cantonese the
"Daily News" says: "If they are
a just and complete expression of
policy expounded in the recent
British Memorandum, it will be impos-
sible on any grounds for Mr. Chen
or his government to refuse to give
them honest consideration, as a
basis for settling finally the ques-
tion of foreigners' status in China.
To refuse on any grounds would be
sheer folly, when so much is at
stake for China."—British Wire-
less Service.

PRESS VIEWS.

Party Doubts and Fears.

London, Jan. 27.

The "Times" in an editorial says
the Government has evolved a far-
sighted policy, in defence of British
national interests in the Far East,
regardless of party considerations.

This is an occasion on which
they merit the considered support
of all sections of opinion all over
the country. Some elements in
their policy, particularly the con-
cessions they are now prepared to
make to Chinese national sentiment,
may provoke some criticism within
the Conservative party. Others
will apparently arouse uneasiness
in Liberal and Labour circles, whose
efforts to counteract this uneasiness
or explain the real situation.

Leaders of public opinion in Eng-
land have, indeed, a very grave
responsibility at present, no sec-
tional interests whatever being in-
volved in the serious attempt to
establish the British position in
China on a new basis.—Reuter.

Armoured Car Company.

London, Jan. 26.

Sir John Lane Harrington inspec-
ed at Scarborough the fifth armoured
car company leaving for China
in a few days.—Reuter.

SURTAXES.

Important Canton Announcement.

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

The "North China Daily News,"
learns that from January 28, the
Southern Authorities will levy a
customs duty at the rate of 1½ per
cent on all imports, irrespective of
whether duty has been paid at
Shanghai or not.
This applies to ordinary goods,
while luxuries will be taxed on a
special scale.—Reuter.

THE SAINTED DEVIL.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO'S FINE
PICTURE.

THE TANGO ON THE SCREEN

It is, indeed, difficult to realise
that the debonair hero of the
picture now showing at the
Queen's Theatre is no longer
alive. It is only when one comes
away from the cinema thorough-
ly happy as the result of witness-
ing an excellent picture that one
realises the great loss sustained
by the silent stage through the
death of Rudolph Valentino.
Valentino has been seen in a
variety of parts, ranging from
that of the title role in "Monsieur
Beuchemin" to "The Sheik," but
one is inclined to doubt whether
any has really suited him better
than the one under review. Here
we see the real artist, that he
undoubtedly was. A lover, yes,
but not the sentimentalising hero
of a nurse maid's novelette. An
actor, whose artistry is superb,
every movement a perfect piece
of acting.

The outstanding feature of the
film is, unquestionably, Valen-
tino's exhibition of "The Tango."
And here, thanks to the Queen's
orchestra, we have entertainment
at its best. Each intricate step
in the dance is interpreted by the
orchestra with such minute per-
fection that the audience is com-
pelled to imagine itself actually
participating in the "nuptial
feast." No words can adequately
describe the perfect collabora-
tion between projector and
orchestra.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

Governor At Queen's College.

"REFRAIN FROM POLITICS."

Reference to "the ridiculous and disgraceful episode" of the 1925 schoolboys' strike was made at Queen's College speech day and prize distribution this morning by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, who appealed to the boys to abstain always from any participation in political demonstrations.

Supporting His Excellency on the platform were: Mr. A. H. Crook (Headmaster), Mr. W. W. Hornell C.I.E. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University), Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) and Capt. C. Steele M.C. (A.D.C.).

(Governor's Speech.)

His Excellency the Governor's speech was as follows:

Many years ago the Hong Kong Government appointed me to be one of the examiners of Queen's College and from the experience so gained I carried away two vivid impressions which still remain with me, namely, first that the Chinese language is a very refractory medium through which to give instruction in western knowledge, and secondly that the Chinese school boy is severely handicapped by having to acquire western knowledge through the medium of a foreign language. Fortunately the Chinese learn English much more readily and much better than the English learn Chinese. If this were not the case, our difficulties would be almost insuperable. As it is, I cannot but admire the results which the Hong Kong schools, and particularly Queen's College, still the premier school of the Colony, manage to achieve in face of most discouraging obstacles. In the case of Queen's College there are also difficulties due to its unsatisfactory situation hemmed in on all sides by houses and without an adequate playground. Happily this defect can be overcome, and as soon as funds are available, it will be possible to house Queen's College more worthily and in better surroundings.

Need For Discipline.

But in education, however important the housing question may be, it is the "house not made with hands" that matters most. I mean by that discipline and formation of character. In this respect the record of Queen's College in 1925 left much to be desired. I cannot but recall with indignation that the general strike of that year began with a strike of schoolboys and that boys of this College participated in that ridiculous and disgraceful episode. How the parents allowed it, I cannot conceive. The Three Character Classic says, as you know, that education without discipline shows parental error; and as I am now addressing both parents and boys, I wish to say very emphatically that boyhood is the time for learning not for political agitation.

I expect the boys of this school and of all the schools in the Colony to abstain always from any participation whatsoever in political demonstrations and to confine themselves to their duties at school and within their homes. It is only by self-discipline while at school that any boy can hope when he is come to years of discretion, to become a useful citizen and promote the welfare of those who surround him. Moreover law and order are essential throughout life, at school no less than in the world of men outside. At school you must learn to obey; and only if you learn to obey, will you ever be fit to command.

Excellent Year's Work.

I am glad to learn from the Headmaster's speech that Queen's College is now getting back to normal conditions and I congratulate both masters and boys on the work done in 1926, especially on the excellent matriculation and senior local results, which surpass all previous records. Mak Kai-hung and Mak Kai-cham obtained very high marks and I congratulate them warmly on winning, each of them, a King Edward VII Scholarship at the Hong Kong University. I wish also to thank Mrs. Minett, the Medical Officer of Schools, for the excellent work which she has done in this school and in other schools of the Colony.

An admirable and very pleasing feature in connection with Queen's College is the loyalty and devotion to the school shown by its former pupils through the Old Boys' Association. This esprit de corps in school life is most important. It has helped to build up the fame of the British public schools and it can render

services as valuable to the cause of education in the Far East. It breaks down selfishness and it brings home to every school-boy at an early age the fact that he is part of an organized society and that his aim must always be the welfare of the whole society in which he lives rather than his own individual profit. To the school boy the honour of his school should be an inspiration; and then in later life he will find it less difficult to understand that from the centre of home and hearth

Our love must widen to clasp the earth.
In self-surrender self-realised,
In mortal passion immortalised.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting his annual report Mr. A. H. Crook, M.A., F.R.G.S., (headmaster) said:

Your Excellency, Mr. Wood, Ladies and Gentlemen,
The total number in attendance during the year was 537 as against 789 in 1925. Except those admitted to Class 8 practically all the new boys admitted were from the Government District Schools to divisions of Class 8.

Of the remainder, 31 were re-admission I accepted about 90, 60 being to divisions of Class 8; the others to different classes that were not already full.

Of the remainder 31 were rejected as unsuitable in their knowledge in Chinese and about 10 others rejected for their lack in English and Mathematics.

We received two additions to the Anglo-Chinese staff, graduates from the Hong Kong University, Mr. Cheong Wai-fung, B.A., and Mr. Chan Cheuk-wa, B.A., and at the beginning of March, Mr. O Yau-sheng. In June we received Mr. Wong Nim-cho.

Towards the end of the year we received Mr. L. G. Morgan, B.Sc., a fresh arrival from England, and Mr. D. M. Richards, B.A., and Mrs. G. Stubblings returning from home leave.

The Year in Brief.

These came so late in the year as to make it inadvisable to alter the class organisation for them before the New Year.

Attendance: The total number of school days was 226—just about the average of former years. The average daily attendance was 452 or about 84 per cent. This was better than the previous year.

Health: The increase in the percentage of attendance is on the whole a very good sign. It is one of the best tests of the health of the school. For, although some of the absences are not due to ill health a good average attendance implies that the health is not bad.

We had no epidemics of any kind during the year; most of the sickness being transient ailments such as colds or fever which are so catching at the changes of the seasons.

Defective eyesight is one of the most frequent complaints of the Chinese. As compared with European children the short-sightedness (myopia) of the Chinese children is quite noticeable.

Why Chinese Have Short-Sight.

The Chinese written script and poorly printed text books are blamed for this. Short-sightedness, I am told, is made, not born. I do not believe this. When the boys come to us (about 10 or 12 years of age) they have done no English. The Chinese text books have big well-printed characters. The only text books that could be complained of are the commentaries on some of the classics used in the Matriculation class; but I can assure my hearers that no boy pours over these commentaries to such an extent as to injure his eyesight. The cause is deeper. My own belief is that the high zygomatic arch of the Chinese which is partially responsible for the almond-shaped appearance of the eye in some cases presses on the eye so as to impair vision. There is only one consolation in this. Defective vision sometimes goes with brains above the average. Three of the cleverest students we have had in this College in the last twenty years have had very defective eyesight.

The Inter-Class System.

The Government at great expense and trouble has the vision of all boys carefully examined and glasses provided for defectives.

Behaviour: Discipline and morals generally, closely bound up as they are with health and social welfare, continue to be good. The ordinary activities of the College were carried on throughout the year without the need for resort to any severe disciplinary measures. In connection with this good order I wish to thank the prefects who performed their duties faithfully and well.

Sports: The interest in the sports of the College was keen. The inter-class football and volleyball competitions were entered into by all the classes. One of the great advantages of having a large number of classes is

that these competitions can be more enthusiastically engaged in. Personally I much prefer the inter-class system to any inter-school or outside competitions. On this system more than half, and perhaps the whole, of every class gets certain exercise, and practically none of the evils resulting from the inter-school system arise. When there are inter-school contests a few boys get far too much training and exercise while the rest get practically none.

Chinese and Cricket.

During the summer months we had our launch parties for bathing. Some of these were whole day excursions, some for the afternoon only.

In these outings practically the whole school took part indulging in that most enjoyable and natural of pastimes. Unfortunately, owing to the fact that the V.R.C. could not lend us the swimming baths we were unable to have our annual aquatic sports.

We had our annual tennis match between the staff and boys and also a ping-pong match. In the tennis the staff won but this decision was well reversed in the ping-pong.

Cricket was encouraged and matches were arranged with outside teams, but I regret to say that cricket like tennis is confined almost exclusively to the non-Chinese boys in the school—the Chinese only taking a very half-hearted interest in these games.

Thanks to Old Boys.

We had our annual school sports in March. Thanks to the co-operation of the Old Boys' Association the gathering was even more successful than formerly. In previous years the Old Boys' Association had an annual cricket match or football match with the present boys, but this year they decided to attend, and take part in the school sports. Not only did they attend in large numbers but they very generously provided tea and cakes for the whole school.

As only a short time previously the Old Boys' Association had given two new annual scholarships, I should like on behalf of the staff and boys to thank the President and Committee of the Association for their constant support and perennial interest in the welfare of this College in all its activities.

Life Without Exams.

I may say, too, that practically all the money for these valuable prizes to be presented to-day comes from the generosity of Old Boys most of whom are enthusiastic supporters of the Old Boys' Association.

Studies and Examinations: We have not given up examinations. Much, of course can be said against them. I remember when in my college days I sometimes complained to my tutor of all the wretched examinations. With a twinkle in his eye he used to say "Ho gar anetastes bios obitos anthropo," translating it, "A life without examinations is not worth living."

In a large college like this no other system is so uniformly fair and free from abuse as a well conducted examination.

Value of a European.

At the half-yearly examination in the lower school we examined 269 boys; out of these 258 passed. In the upper school we examined 194, of whom 120 passed.

In the annual examination at the close of the year in the lower school we examined 276 boys of whom 236 passed; in the upper school 113, of whom 65 passed.

This is a somewhat smaller percentage of passes especially in the lower school than in former annual examinations. Perhaps the examinations were a little more searching. Perhaps also it is partially due to the fact that there was only one European teacher in the whole lower school.

In former years, there were not less than three and sometimes four. The absence of a European voice, though not noticeable perhaps in the immediate results eventually affects considerably the quality of the student.

Lessons By Gramophone.

In order to try in some measure to rectify this I introduced throughout the lower school the gramophone lessons in colloquial English designed by the Lingua-phone Institute. These were a great help. They are not, of course, equivalent to a human voice but in staying power and repetition they win. I can thoroughly recommend them to any Chinese who wish to make themselves proficient in English and who have not the opportunity of constant daily intercourse with a European teacher.

Classes one and two do not take any annual examination in this College but sit instead for the Matriculation, Senior Local, and Junior Local examinations; and I am pleased to be able to say that at the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations we have come up to, and in many respects surpassed, all our previous records. We obtained 18 passes in the Matriculation and 4 in the Senior

Local out of a total of 28 who sat. Four of these were put in the honours list with a total of fourteen distinctions.

Record for the School.

The King Edward Scholarship, a much coveted distinction has again come to this College for the third time in its history. But this year we have been twice blest, receiving both King Edward Scholarships—a unique record as far as this college is concerned. The lucky recipients are Mak Kai-hung and Mak Kai-cham. Two of the honoursmen Mak Kai-hung and Omar Hassan have also qualified for the valuable studentships in training. Scholarships under the Education Department. Indeed Mak Kai-hung comes very nearly within the radius of that terrible anathema "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you"—but I should think he gladly takes the risk.

In view of the brilliant results of the two brothers Mak Kai-hung and Mak Kai-cham and their closeness of marks on the total result, the trustees of the Morrison Trust Fund have kindly awarded two Senior Morrison Scholarships instead of one.

Tribute to the Staff.

In the Junior we obtained 22 passes with eight distinctions out of a total of 51 who sat for the examination.

Before leaving the question of the work of the year I should like to thank the staff to whose constant work and painstaking efforts these results are due. Any body closely acquainted with teaching knows that good satisfactory results are not the work of chance merely, but mean for the teacher unremitting work and often drudgery. I may mention that the two best pupils Mak Kai-hung and Mak Kai-cham have come up right through the College from the very lowest class.

I should like here to urge again what I proposed on a different occasion not long ago—I mean the enforced provision of two years between Junior and Matriculation examinations. When a boy has passed his Junior Local examination he is not fit or mature enough to take his Matriculation the next year.

Varsity Exam. Scheme.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University has complained that some of the students who have passed the Matriculation were not sufficiently well-grounded to profit to the full by the lectures which they had to attend.

If we try to stop a boy from taking the Matriculation examination immediately after Junior Local he simply goes to another school and takes the examination from there. If the University insisted that unless the student presenting himself for Matriculation could produce a Junior and Senior certificate he would have to pay \$100 entrance fee, all difficulties would be obviated. For all those who had passed the Junior and Senior Local examination the Matriculation fee would remain as at present. This would involve a little organisation in the schools in provision of staff for an extra class near the top of the school; but in my opinion the foundations of University education in the Colony would be immensely benefited thereby.

The Twofold Aim.

We have made very few large alterations in the curriculum of the college or in our ideals. Our aim is twofold. We must teach those elements of language and its structure and of number, and calculation on which social communications are based and social intercourse made possible.

Through these the elementary virtues must be taught. Ordinary honesty and the propriety of honourable action and truthfulness are often better taught from a lesson in Arithmetic or Algebra than from a direct disquisition on the subject.

The sermonic method is notoriously a failure.

The second part can only be begun with us. It extends through life. Boys leave us before they enter into the full appreciation of any Literature—their own or a foreign one.

But we always endeavour that so far as they reach it they will get imbued with those influences from their own and our literature which mellow and mould, and which inspire those ideals without which life becomes drab and poor; but guided by which we gain the rapture of the forward view and look forward to that era.

When wise from all the foolish past, We peradventure halt at last, The advent of that morn'ning When nations may as forests grow Wherein the oak hates not the pine, Nor beeches with the cedars woo, But all to their unlikeliness blend—Confederate to one golden end—Beauty; the vision whereunto, In joy, with paintings from afar, Through sound and odour, form and hue, And mind and clay and water and star—

Now touching goal now backward hurled— Trails the indomitable world.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The list of prizes was:

Scholarships:

Senior Morrison scholar:—Mak Kai-hung, Mak Kai-cham. Blake scholar:—Hu Pak-mi. Senior Belilos scholar:—Omar Hassan.

Wright scholar:—Mak Pak-kin. Ho Tung scholar:—Pau Koon-tat.

Ho Kom-tong scholar:—Tao Po-she. Lee Hy-san scholar:—Wei Hee.

Ho Fook scholar:—Fung Tin-yau.

Junior Belilos scholar:—Woo Yuk-fan.

Lugard scholar:—Chau Kwok-sik.

Junior Morrison scholar:—Sung Fook-tin.

Full Government scholars:—Wong Wing-sin, Tsui Hin-wa, Tang Pak-lau, Yeung Wai-wa, Tong Shiu-cheuk.

Half Government scholars:—Au Wai-ming, Li Hau-mo.

Alfred J. May scholar:—Leung Kit-tong.

A. W. Grant scholar:—Lo Chi-kai.

Ho Wing scholar:—Leung Kwong-tsol.

Ho Lu scholar:—Fung Kam-ho. Ho Kwong scholar:—Tam Chun-lam.

T. K. Dealy scholar:—Chan Hing-woo.

Ng In scholar:—Lai Li-ying. E. Ralphs scholar:—Kwok Kam-lun.

Tsang Chung scholar:—Lai Kam-tong.

Kong Ki-fai scholar:—Chan Shiu-san.

Special Prizes.

E. Ralphs Head Prefect medal:—Hu Pak-mi.

Machell Memorial prize:—Omar Hassan.

Ellis Bros. prizes for Mathematics:—(Class 1) Mak Kai-hung; (Class 2) Tao Po-she.

Henry G. Leong prizes for Composition:—(Class 1) Mak Kai-hung; (Class 2) Wei Hee; (Class 3) Fung Tin-yau.

U. Rumlahn prize for Literature:—Mak Kai-cham.

History prizes:—(F. 3A) Harbans Singh; (F. 3B) Chan Po-ying; (C. 3A) Pang Yin-chai; (C. 3B) Mak Shiu-un.

Composition Prizes:—(F. 3B) Ho Hung-chin; (C. 3A) Ho Hung-yau.

Special Translation Prizes.

Grade 1 (Classes 1 and 2):—(E. to C.) Li Kai-yeung (F. 2); (C. to E.) Mak Kai-hung (F. 1).

Grade 2 (Class 3):—(E. to C.) Wong Wing-hang (C. 3A); (C. to E.) So Kai-sang (R. 3A).

Grade 3 (Classes 4 and 5):—(E. to C.) Wong Hung-wa (5B); (C. to E.) Tsui Hin-wa (4B).

Special Chinese Prizes.

1st:—Pun Kam-man (43); 2nd:—Tam Kam-shau (F. 1); 3rd:—So Kai-sang (F. 3A); 4th:—Wong Kung-tui (C. 1) and Tam Yuk-tsun (F. 3A).

English Prizes.

F. 1:—1st, Tam Kam-shau; 2nd, A. S. Suffiad.

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE MAIL.

Entertainments.

January 28—Queen's Theatre; "The Sainted Devil."

January 28—World Theatre; "Lost and Found."

January 28—Star Theatre; "The Denial."

January 29—Theatre Royal; "Red Riding Hood," 9.15 p.m.

February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel.

Sports.

January 29—Entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament close on this date.

February 2—Interport game, Hong Kong v. Shanghai, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.30 p.m.

February 5—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

February 5-6—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwantli Race Course.

Auctions.

January 29—At Pedder Bldg., 2nd floor, Room No. 8 a quantity of Ladies' Dress Wear and Sundries will be sold by Lamert Bros. 10.30 a.m.

Meetings.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

January 31—Twenty-second meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co's offices, 11 a.m.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

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IS HONG KONG BEHIND SHANGHAI?

The accusation is frequently made that Hong Kong is always behind Shanghai. Residents in the Northern port have got together for the purpose of sending propaganda in the Old Country. In their own interests Hong Kong people should see that everybody they know at Home is kept correctly informed about China.

A glance at the sources from which cables are being sent here every day will show that the eyes of the world are focussed on China, particularly with regard to British interests. In a British Colony so close to China, you will be expected by folks at Home to keep them posted.

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This week's issue contains the report of the latest outrages at Foochow and other Treaty ports, together with cabled versions of the difficulties undergone by foreign communities up-country.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A Reuter cable from Rangoon states that fire has gutted a large Chinese rice mill at Kanoungto. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

A fire gutted the famous Eisenburg Castle, Augsburg, where the Lutheran confession of faith was signed in 1530. Most of its irreplaceable works of art were destroyed.

Next Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3 (being the first two days of the Chinese New Year) will be observed as holidays by the exchange banks which will be closed for public business.

Bishop Henson, in his New Year sermon in the Durham Cathedral, described peaceful picketing as abominable wickedness. Alien and corrupting influences, he said, were transforming the trade unions into instruments of civic degradation.

The old established Penang firm of Logan and Ross reports that it has been robbed of \$15,000, in two sums, by means of two forged cheques. The cheques were filled in, as usual, in the chief clerk's handwriting, and Mr. M. B. Lynch's signature has been forged on each of them.

A returned banishee was sent to jail for six months (with 20 strokes of the birch) by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning. His Worship directed that should the prisoner be declared medically unfit for the birch, a further three months' imprisonment be added to his sentence.

The Royal Society of Arts (London) circulates particulars of the competition in industrial designs which it is proposed to hold in June of this year and indicates that it has opened a bureau of information at which are kept the names and addresses of exhibitors who desire to obtain employment as designers. The Competition is divided into the following heads: architectural decoration, textiles, furniture, book production, pottery and glass and miscellaneous.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Thursday when no case of notifiable disease was returned.



Germaine Dunoon won the "old maids' race" in Paris, an event of Catherine's Day, when all unmarried women dress in costumes and openly hunt husbands.

The system of wireless on board the "Renown" consists of a central station with switches in every cabin, enabling the passengers to listen in as easily as turning on the light.

Hammers, the London auctioneers, sold a registered envelope carried from Darwin to Melbourne by Sir Alan Cobham for £10.

A flower-pot dropped from an upper floor of a house in Wing Lok Street on Wednesday landed on the nose of a pedestrian, causing injuries which compelled him to go into hospital.

For the usual "cleaning season" preparatory to China New Year in Hong Kong, the water restrictions on houses served by the rider mains will be lifted. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, there will be a full supply as in former years.

The case, in which two Chinese stand charged with waylaying a tea-shop waitress and snatching from the girl a gold watch and band valued \$35 was again before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. Leo d'Almada defending the second prisoner. After hearing Det. Sgt. Rozetsky, prosecuting, his Worship committed both defendants for trial.

H.M. cruiser "Durban" visited the port from which she takes her name on her way out from home. This was the first time that the patriotic inhabitants of Durban, Natal, had had the pleasure of welcoming the cruiser since she was completed in 1921, and they gave the officers and men a very good time during their eight days' stay in the port. The "Durban" went home from the China Station last year.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, between Miss Ruth Gregory Burnett, youngest daughter of the late Alexander and Mrs. Burnett, of Aberdeen; and Dr. Walter Dawson, eldest son of the Rev. W. W. Dawson and Mrs. Dawson of Milngavie, Scotland, formerly of Lanark. Both are very well known in Singapore. The bride was on the staff of the General Hospital, while Dr. Dawson is deputy Municipal Health Officer, Singapore.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. J. T. Mason, the wife of Captain Mason of the Seattle Police, is a passenger on the "President Jackson" which sailed for Manila yesterday afternoon.

Representing the Winchester Arms Corporation, Mr. Oliver E. Nelson is on the "President Jackson" which left Hong Kong yesterday for Manila. He is going around the world.

Mr. R. S. Rogers, manager in the Philippines of Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday on the "President Jackson" after a short business trip to New York. He sailed on the same boat yesterday afternoon for Manila.

Captain A. G. Dobie (the Interport cricketer and well-known sportsman) and Captain S. C. Renny, both of the Scottish Borders, have received intimation that they have passed in an examination at which they sat in Egypt prior to coming to Hong Kong.

Accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, Mr. E. G. Anderson is travelling to Manila by the "President Jackson" which arrived here on Wednesday. He is President of the Philippine Manufacturing Co. of America and a trustee of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. He is going to Manila to confer with officials of his company.

On a visit to the Philippines and travelling by the "President Jackson" which arrived here on Wednesday from Shanghai are:—Mr. W. W. Baur (of the Union Oil Co. with offices at Kobe); Mr. O. G. Brown (constructional engineer of Shanghai); Mr. E. R. Cutting (National City Bank of New York); Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis (residents of Manila); Miss Dorothy Hawes (of the Baptist Foreign Missions, going to Iloilo); Mr. F. Longson and Miss L. Longson (Manila residents); Miss A. S. Mayhew (in charge of the International Hostess Home of the American Y.W.C.A. in Shanghai); Mr. A. S. Moss (a Shanghai lawyer); Miss F. Purdy (daughter of Judge Purdy of Shanghai); Miss H. Rietveld (Chefoo Y.W.C.A.); Mrs. J. L. Stevens (Presbyterian Mission, Chefoo); Mr. A. Z. Sycip (Yek Hua Trading Corporation, of Shanghai and Manila, accompanied by his wife and family); Mr. J. W. Todd (in the Oregon lumber industry); Mr. Glenn Trewartha (department of geography, University of Wisconsin); Mr. H. Uyeda (Kobe merchant); Mr. E. C. Walters (of Hanson & Orth, Manila, with his wife); Mr. Miles E. Vaughn (Oriental representative of United Press); Miss J. G. Dilworth (a Peking nurse).

M. Brandit has arrived and assumed duties as the new Consul for Norway at Singapore.

Mr. Harold Iserson, Miss Elsie Iserson and Miss A. Hanagan are travelling together on the "President Jackson" which sailed yesterday for Manila.

Mr. H. H. Cox of the Shanghai Municipal Council is a passenger on the "President Jackson" which sailed yesterday afternoon for Manila. He is going to Sydney on holiday with Mrs. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Benedict of Riverside, California, who are travelling round the world, arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday on the "President Jackson" and left for Manila yesterday on the same boat.

A frequent visitor to the Far East in Mr. C. R. Powrie arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jackson" from Seattle. He is connected with Hall, Landregan & Co., an investment concern of San Francisco.

Mr. H. Dickinson passed through the Colony yesterday en route for Manila on the "President Jackson" and will be going on to Java.

Invited by the Y.W.C.A. of Manila to start a system of physical education throughout the Philippines, Miss Vera Bargar of Shanghai is travelling south on the "President Jackson" which arrived here on Wednesday.

Wives of American Naval officers stationed in Manila, returning home on the "President Jackson" which sailed from Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, include Mrs. G. W. Clark, Mr. H. G. Shoner (and family), who are both returning from Shanghai.

Lt.-Col. W. C. P. Russell, D.S.O., R.A., who arrived here on the "Taichang" with his wife to join the Command, was twice mentioned in despatches. This Artillery officer served in Gallipoli from June 1915 to January 1916, in Egypt till March 1916, and then with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force till October 1918.



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SPORTS SECTION

SOCCER FIXTURES.

EIGHT LEAGUE MATCHES TO-MORROW.

THE LEADERS ENGAGED.

All the leading teams in division I of the local football league will be engaged to-morrow. The top team, Club de Recreio, will be at home to the Hong Kong F.C. and a draw will be enough to sustain their advantage, but they may win. Practically all the fixtures will be worth watching. They are as follows:

DIVISION I.

(all kick-off 4 p.m.)

Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong F.C.
King's Park (referee) Captain Austin.
Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon F.C.
H.K.F.C. ground, Mr. Phillips.
Scottish Borderers v. Royal Artillery.
Seakung "A" ground, Mr. Davies.

DIVISION II SECTION "A."

(all kick-off at 2.30 p.m.)

Recreio Reserves v. Borderers' Reserves.
King's Park, Mr. Bakiwin.
University v. Chinese Athletic "A".
H.K.F.C. ground, Mr. Gilbert.
R.A. Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves.
Seakung "A" ground, Mr. Cowan.
South China Reserves v. H.K.F.C. Reserves.
Seakung "B" ground, Mr. Stokes.
Chinese Athletic "B" v. St. Joseph's College.
St. Joseph's ground, Mr. Lamb.

ARMY v. NAVY.

ANNUAL 2-DAY CRICKET MATCH.

AGNEW'S 141 NOT OUT.

At the close of play yesterday (on the Kowloon C.C. ground), the Royal Navy were strongly entrenched in their annual local two-day cricket match against the Army. Batting first, the Senior Service made 350 runs—the highest single innings this season. Lt. Agnew (17 fours), batted through and carried out his bat for 144. Lt. Emley (13 fours and a five) made 78. Agnew is a newcomer.

Beatty and Sturgess shared the bowling honours and dismissed the Army for 122. When stumps were drawn the soldiers—having followed on—needed 237 runs (with 9 wickets in hand) to avoid an innings deficit. Scores at close of play yesterday:

Royal Navy: 1st Innings, 350; 2nd Innings, 144. Lt. Agnew, not out, 144. Lt. Sparkes, c. Foxden, b. Lake, 14. Lt. Brewster, b. Wright, 31. Lt. Sturgess, c. Evers, b. Lightfoot, 2. Rev. Venn, b. Wright, 4. Lt. Carnons-Williams, c. Foxden, b. Lake, 24. Lt. Emley, c. Foxden, b. Lake, 78. Lt. E. O'Neill, run out, 6. Capt. Cornish, b. Lake, 10. Mid. Alison, b. Lightfoot, 10. Lt. Comdr. Beatty, 26. Extras, 21. Total, 360.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Goodyer 13 0 58 0
Lake 27 1 116 4
Wright 13 2 45 2
Lightfoot 13 0 85 2
Morris 9 2 36 0
Smith 1 0 5 0

The Army: 1st Innings, 122; 2nd Innings, 144. Capt. Evers, b. Sturgess, 28. Art. Routledge, b. Sturgess, 9. Capt. Bridgland, b. Beatty, 7. Capt. Morris, b. Beatty, 9. Capt. Howard, b. Beatty, 4. Major Lightfoot, c. Carnons-Williams, b. Sturgess, 21. Lt. Smith, c. and b. Sturgess, 11. Lt. Wright, b. Emley, 11. Mr. G. Foxden, c. and b. Emley, 0. Spr. Goodyer, b. Beatty, 9. Pte. Lake, not out, 10. Extras, 10. Total, 122.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Beatty 12 5 42 4
Sturgess 16 4 55 4
Emley 4 1 14 2

The Army: 2nd Innings, 144. Spr. Goodyer, c. Newall, b. Sturgess, 6. Pte. Lake, not out, 10. Art. Routledge, not out, 1. Extras, 1. Total (for 1 wicket), 11.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

Against the visiting Shanghai Interport soccer team, on February 4, the following Army players have been selected to take part in the United Services XI—Bdr. Trim, R.A. Pte. Everest, 2/K.O.S.B. S. Sgt. Sims, R.A.M.C. Pte. Stock, 2/K.O.S.B. Sgt. McGlinchey, 2/K.O.S.B. Captain the Rev. E. W. Alexander, 2/K.O.S.B. Reserves: Sgt. Caville, R.A.P.C., and Bdr. Ward, R.A.

According to the Army will provide six of the team and two reserves.

Reminder: entries for the Fanling Hunt steeplechase meeting close to Mr. A. H. Potts to-morrow.

HOME BOXING.

TWO BRITISH CHAMPIONS' VICTORIES.

BOUNTS AT ALBERT HALL.

London, Jan. 27. Two 20-round boxing contests took place to-night at the Albert Hall.

For the middleweight championship of Europe, Tommy Milligan of Scotland (the holder) beat Ted Moore of Plymouth, who retired in the 14th round. Milligan scaled 159½ lbs. and Moore 158 lbs.

Heavyweights: Phil Scott (the British champion) beat Riccardo Bartozolo (the champion of Italy) who was disqualified in the 7th round.

Milligan and Moore weighed-in during the afternoon.—Reuter.

M.C.C. IN INDIA.

FIRST MADRAS MATCH DRAWN.

GOOD SCORES BY INDIANS.

Calcutta, Jan. 20. The M.C.C. players are now in Madras for the last matches of the Indian tour, following the visit to Rangoon. After the Madras matches they will go to Colombo.

A two-day match with an Indian eleven at Madras ended in a draw.

The Indians batted first and made 238 runs, of which Mahmood Hussain was responsible for 90 and Ramaswamy, the Cambridge tennis player, 60. O'Meara took four wickets for 64 and Astill three for 65.

The tourists made 384 runs. R. E. S. Wyatt was out for 5, P. T. Eskersley made 47, Parsons 42, Astill 54 and Geary 39 not out.

CHINESE SOCCER.

INTERPORT FIXTURES AT HONG KONG.

A Chinese football team representing Eastern China will be arriving in the Colony at the end of this week at the invitation of the local Chinese community.

The general committee appointed to take charge of all arrangements are as follows: Messrs. Ng Sze-kwong, Kwok An-po, Hin Wong, H. K. Lee, A. Y. Young, Wong Kam-ying, Lau Fook-kee, Choy Kin-yung, Ling Pat-cham and Mok Hing.

The sub-committees are made up as follows:

Football: Kwok An-po, H. K. Lee, Lau Fook-kee.
Finance: Ling Pat-cham, Ng Sze-kwong, Ho Wai-hing.
Entertainment: Wong Kam-ying, Leung Cho-yue, Richard Shum, Ko Sik-wai, Mok Hing, Hin Wong.
Ground: Kwok An-po, Kwok Chiu-cheung, Kwok Shin-yan, Ho Wai-hing.

Chinese Secretary: A. V. Young.
Chinese Secretary: Leung Cho-yue.

The visitors are as follows: C. H. Ho (Trinity Club); Y. Y. Voong (Lok Hwa Club); Lau Kau (Lok Hwa Club); Z. H. Mao (Trinity Club); V. H. Bien (Lok Hwa Club); Leung Yuk-tong (Lok Hwa Club); Y. K. Hu (Lok Hwa Club); C. W. Chen (Lok Hwa Club); P. T. Lee (Lok Hwa Club) vice-captain; Li Wai-tong (Lok Hwa Club) captain; K. H. Chen (Trinity Club); Reserves: George Chow (Lok Hwa), H. Liang (Lok Hwa), Pang Wah-hing (Lok Hwa), L. K. Tsong (Lok Hwa), Z. W. Lee (Trinity). Manager: M. H. C. Yu.

The fixtures.

It is proposed by the Chinese Interport committee to make arrangements for the following matches:

Feb. 3 (Thurs.) 3.30 p.m. at Seakung ground—Eastern China v. Southern China.
Feb. 6 (Monday) 3.30 p.m. at H.K.F.C. ground—Eastern China v. Club de Recreio.
Feb. 9 (Wed.) 3.30 p.m. at H.K.F.C. ground—Eastern China v. Army & Navy.
Feb. 12 (Sat.) 3.30 p.m. at H.K.F.C. ground—Eastern and Southern China v. H.K. Interport Team.

Mr. Lee Hysan's Cup.

Mr. Lee Hysan has donated a large silver cup to be competed for annually between the representative Chinese teams of Southern and Eastern China.

It is understood that the local Chinese sporting organisations, namely, the Chinese Recreation Club, the Chinese Athletic Association, the South China Athletic Association and the Chin Woo Association are each making arrangements to entertain the visitors.—Contributed.

Club de Recreio's hockey team against the Hong Kong Hockey Club to-day at King's Park at 5.15 p.m. will be—H. A. Barros; L. A. Carvalho; P. N. Silva; A. A. R. Botelho; J. E. Noronha (captain); C. Basto; A. P. Eca; de Silva; D. F. Lopes; R. C. Reed; H. A. Alves; J. A. V. Soares.

INTERPORT VISIT.

LOCAL WEEK OF FESTIVE SOCCER.

HONG KONG v. SHANGHAI.

For the visit of the Shanghai Interport team, the programme was drawn up at yesterday's meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council, when the following were present:—Mr. R. M. Dyer (President), the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Messrs. Shaw, Ormiston, McTavish, Hamilton, Lawrence, G. T. May, Rev. Alexander C.F., and W. E. Hollands, (hon. secretary).

The following arrangements were made for Interport week:

Monday, Jan. 31.—Arrival of the Shanghai Interport team. The team will be accommodated at the Savoy Hotel.

Monday, Jan. 31 and Tuesday, Feb. 1.—The H.K.F.C. ground will be at the disposal of the Shanghai team for practice.

Wednesday, Feb. 2.—Interport game, Hong Kong v. Shanghai. Kick-off at 3.30 p.m. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Cars will convey the Shanghai team to and from the ground. The K.O.S.B. pipe band will play before the kick-off and during the interval. At 9 p.m. a dance will be held at Lane, Crawford's restaurant. The Melodians Orchestra will provide the music.

Thursday, Feb. 3.—Should the Interport game be drawn, the replay will take place at 3.30 p.m. In the event of the Interport game being won on Tuesday, the visitors will leave Savoy Hotel at 2.30 p.m. for an island trip. Ten will be served at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Friday, Feb. 4.—United Services v. Shanghai. Kick-off H.K.F.C. ground at 4 p.m. Cars will convey the Shanghai team to and from the ground. The pipe band will play before the kick-off and during the interval.

Interport dinner, Savoy Hotel at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5.—Chinese v. Shanghai. Kick-off H.K.F.C. ground at 3.30 p.m. Cars as usual. Pipe band will play.

Boxing tournament, Theatre Royal at 9 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 6.—Trip to Macao leaving Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 a.m. The Melodians Orchestra has been engaged for the trip.

SHIELD TIES.

Draw For Senior & Junior Rounds.

The draw was made for the Hong Kong F.A. Shield competition, resulting as follows:

Senior (1st round).
Chinese Athletic v. Police R.C.
Royal Artillery v. Hong Kong F.C.
Club de Recreio v. Kowloon F.C.
K.O.S.B. v. South China.

Junior (1st & 2nd rounds).
St. Joseph's College "A" (bye).
Kowloon F.C. Reserves (bye).

R. A. Reserves
H.K.F.C. Reserves
South China Reserves
Chinese Athletic "B"

Recreio Reserves
Chinese Athletic "A"

St. Joseph's College "B" (bye).
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club (bye).

K.O.S.B. Reserves.

The first round in both divisions will be played on Saturday, February 19. In the event of the scores being equal after seventy minutes play, extra time, ten minutes each way, will be played. First named Club has choice of ground.

(It should be noted that Kowloon (holders and last year's League champions) and Recreio (leaders in the League) are drawn together in the first round.)

In the junior division the match is very even. The K.O.S.B. Reserves have not been defeated and their prospective opponents are competing for the first time.

UNITED SERVICES CRICKET XI.

The following cricket team will represent the United Services against Hong Kong on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2 and 3 on the H.K.F.C. ground:

Captain E. W. Morris, D.S.O., I.A.S.C. (Captain).
Captain A. G. Dobbie, K.O.S.B.
Captain C. A. Bridgland, D.F.C., R.C. of Sigs.

Major L. J. Lightfoot, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.
Captain A. N. Evers, R.A.P.C.
Lt. Com. T. R. Beatty, H.M.S. "Hermes".

Lt. G. L. E. M. Sturgess, H.M.S. "Hermes".
Flight Lt. E. F. Brewerton, D.S.C., R.A.F. H.M.S. "Hermes".

Lt. F. G. Emley, H.M.S. "Titanic".
Rev. R. T. Venn, M.A., H.M.S. "Titanic".

Lt. W. G. Agnew, H.M.S. "Durban".
Reserves: Lt. M. Sparks, H.M.S. "Hermes"; Pay Lt. Com. A. P. Shaw, H.M.S. "Tamar"; Private A. D. Lake, R.A.O.C.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI against the Club Cricket match to-morrow at the University ground at 2.00 p.m. sharp:—B. N. Sudan (captain), Dr. C. H. Zoh, P. Hiptool, W. Hong, Sling, C. K. Ong, I. Tajima, K. T. Loke, S. Kermani, F. I. Zimmerman, E. A. Lee, A. Baker, Reserves: E. T. Barna, Soccer: C. L. Tan.

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HOME CRICKET RULING.

The M.C.C. announced in mail week that the special sub-committee dealing with the matter, after interviewing manufacturers and considering representations from various clubs and associations, recommended to the M.C.C. that the circumference of the cricket ball should be from a minimum of 8 13-16 inches to a maximum of 9 inches, and that the law should be altered to that effect in 1927, but not enforced until 1928.

How It Reads.

The present law in the size of the ball, which has been in operation since 1924, reads:

The ball shall weigh not less than five ounces and a half nor more than five ounces and three-quarters.

It shall measure not less than nine inches nor more than nine inches and one quarter in circumference. At the beginning of each innings either side may demand a new ball.

An Expert's View.

H. J. Healey writes: The decision of the sub-committee of the M.C.C. to support a suggestion of the advisory board that the size of cricket balls should be reduced does not come as a surprise. Most cricketers had been in favour of it.

There is no question of "tinkering the rules." The reduction amounts only to three-sixteenths of an inch and the new ball will be no larger than that manufactured under the old rule until a testing gauge was officially introduced last season.

Return to the Old.

What happened was this: "Manufacturers had been in the habit of making the ball slightly smaller than the wording of the law allowed. Their purport was to allow for the inevitable 'spreading' which follows after a ball has been hit about for a few overs. But someone in authority discovered this 'well-known fact' with the result that the gauge was introduced and the bowlers discomfited.

At a time when spin bowling was disappearing the decision to have the ball made in accordance with the "exact letter of the law" was unfortunate.

Most cricketers will welcome a return to the old state of things—once technically illegal, now, in a year's time, to be legal.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

The following concern the International rugby match on Jan. 15 in which England beat Wales by 11 points to 9:

London, Jan. 2. The English rugby team to play against Wales on Jan. 15 has been chosen as follows:

K. A. Sellar (Navy).
R. Hamilton Wicks (Harlequins).
L. Corbett (Rugby).
H. Locke (Birkhead Park), and J. Gibbs (Harlequins).

H. Laird (Harlequins) and J. Worton (Harlequins).
H. Percin (Waterloo), E. Stanbury (Plymouth), J. Tucker (Bristol), W. Wakefield (Harlequins), K. Stark (Old Alleynians), J. Hanley (Plymouth), T. Coulson (Coventry), and R. Cove Smith (Oms).

Carbett captains the side in place of Wakefield who asked not to be chosen.

The Welsh Surprise.

London, Jan. 6. The Welsh Rugby team to play against England at Twickenham on Jan. 15 has been chosen as follows:

Male (Cardiff).
J. Roberts (Cardiff), B. R. Turnbull (Cardiff), G. E. Andrews (Newport), Rowe Harding (Swansea).

W. C. Powell (London Welsh), Windsor Lewis (London Welsh).
E. C. Hargreaves (Newport), S. Lawrence (Bristol), H. Phillips (Newport), T. Lewis (Cardiff), Watkyn Thomas (Llanelli), W. Williams (Crumlin), J. H. John (Swansea) and D. Jones (Newport).

London, Jan. 8. Surprise is expressed at the choice of B. R. Turnbull as captain of the Welsh rugby team.

Turnbull, who is only twenty-two, has played only one international, against Ireland in 1925.

He is a Cambridge "Blue" and ex-captain of Downside College.

His brother, M. J. Turnbull, is a Cambridge cricket "Blue."

London, Jan. 7.—The Maori "rugger" team left Euston for home via Canada, where they are playing two matches.

When two teams of girl students and the staff of the American Mission (Baptist) Schools of Maungali and Sinchaung, Burma, played an association football match, history was made. The teams turned out in shorts, jerseys and caps, and the match was played for the benefit of the Arrakan Relief Fund. The football used was sold by auction and produced the equivalent of over 250. This was the first match ever played exclusively by women in Burma.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

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C. 1:—1st Chu Kam-pai, 2nd Chan Kin-kung.
F. 2:—1st Li Kai-yeung, 2nd Chan Wai-han.

C. 2:—1st Yeung Shin-hung, 2nd Chan Koon-ching.
F. 3A:—1st So Kai-sang, 2nd Wong Mun-fai.

F. 3B:—1st Ho Hung-chin, 2nd Chan Po-ying.
C. 3A:—1st Pang Ying-chan, 2nd Chau Ching-hoi.

C. 3B:—1st Chung Shing-hoi, 2nd Mak Shiu-un.
4A:—1st Wei Chung, 2nd Li Po-pun.

4B:—1st Chan Hoi-ying, 2nd Chan Chi-chiu.
5A:—1st Li Ka-tit, 2nd Hung Man-chiu.

5B:—1st Ip Kam-wing, 2nd Wong Yek-yea.
6A:—1st So Ming-mun, 2nd Hung Moo-chiu.

6B:—1st Hu Sau-tin, 1st Ip Chin-fook.
7A:—1st Leung Sik-kwan, 2nd Lui Tung-ki.

7B:—1st Ho Pak-hi, 2nd Wong Yee-wa.
8A:—1st Lai Kam-kwan, 2nd Ng Che-keung.

8B:—1st Yau Ka-chung, 2nd Lam Tai-soi.
Verdicular Class Prizes.

Matric:—1st Chu Kam-pai, 2nd Chan Kin-kung.
F. 2:—1st Chan Kai-wai, 2nd Wong Man-cho.

C. 2:—1st Chan Koon-ching, 2nd Tang Hung-fay.
F. 3A:—1st Tam Yuk-tsun, 2nd So Kai-sang.

F. 3B:—1st Yung Nai-fun, 2nd Kwan Hin-fan.
C. 3A:—1st Wong Wing-hang, 2nd Yung Hoi-keung.

C. 3B:—1st Chung Shing-hoi, 2nd Ip Tung-ting.
4A:—1st So Tsang-yea, 2nd Tang Chan-wa.

4B:—1st Pun Kam-man, 2nd Chan Chi-chiu.
5A:—1st Ko Ping-chuen, 2nd Ip Koon-in.

5B:—1st Chau King-yea, 2nd Cheung Ka-tsun.
6A:—1st So Ming-mun, 2nd Ma Shum-woon.

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8A:—1st Kong Chun-to, 2nd Ma Kwok-hong.

8B:—1st Yau Ka-chung, 2nd Lam Tai-soi.

ABOUT SUZANNE.

"BUTTERFLY SNATCHED OUT OF SUNSHINE."

WHAT HELEN WILLS THINKS.

New York.

"Instead of giving the pleasure and thrill which I felt in watching her on the Riviera last winter, Miss Lenglen's play, by comparison, is now almost depressing. Her wonderful spirit has gone, and in its place there is a sort of mechanical stroke production."

So writes Miss Helen Wills in the "New York World" for which she was describing one of the exhibition matches staged by Mr. C. C. Pyle at San Francisco between Miss Lenglen and another professional player.

Miss Wills went on to say that Suzanne was like a butterfly which had been snatched out of the sunshine, and set down under the glare of electric lights.

ENGLISH TURF.

LORD LONSDALE'S LATEST MOVE.

The "Star" says that under the aegis of Lord Lonsdale an organisation will probably be created early this year represented by all interested in racing to inaugurate a new system of turf management.

The Jockey Club, as the supreme authority, is taking the lead in connection with a round table conference to seek a modification to the betting tax.

London, Jan. 15.—At hockey to-day the ladies of the South of England beat South African ladies by nine goals to nil.—"Singapore Free Press."

France (the holders) and Belgium, in addition to England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, will be competitors at this season's cross-country international race at home to be decided over a course from Caerleon racecourse on April 2. This is regarded as the most important international contest held in Wales, and the Mayor of Newport (Councillor A. P. W. James), an old athlete, will record the teams as a civic reception.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 28, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Estate Brokers Shanghai Society.
T.T. on London	20 1/4	20 3/4	20 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/4	78 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	117 1/2 n	119 0 b	1100 n
do. London	111 1/2 n	—	115 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	121 n	121 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	131 n.	132 n.	—
do. C	113 1/2 n.	113 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	129 1/2 b	119 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	70 n	76 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	65 1/2 b	64 0 b 66 0	165 0 b
China Underwriters	11 1/2 n	11 n	11 n
North China Insurance	11 1/2 n	14 0 n.	—
Union Insurance	28 1/2 n	28 1/2 b	28 1/2 b
Yangtze Insurance	34 1/2 M. n.	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	61 1/2 b	61 1/2 b.	61 1/2 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats	24 n	24 n	24 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	11 1/2 n	11 1/2 n	11 1/2 n
Indo-China (Pref.)	32 n	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	40 n.	40 n.	40 n.
Shell Transport	63 1/2 b	66 1/2 b	66 1/2 n
Star Ferries	57 1/2 b	57 1/2 b 58 s	57 1/2 b
Water-boats	15 b	15 b	15 1/2 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 n	20 1/2 b 21 1/2 s	20 1/2 b
Malayan Sugars	36 n	35 a 21 s	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	130 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n	40 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	12 1/2 n	12 n	25 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	18 1/2 n	8 n	—
Shanghai Loan	4 1/2 n	3 1/2 n	3 1/2 n.
Rauba	21 1/2 n	—	—
Tronoh Mines	8 1/2 n	—	—
Ural Caspians	—	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	107 1/2 b 111 s	110 b	110 s
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	40 b 41 s	40 n
Hongkew	116 1/2 n	—	165 n
New Engineering	15 n	5 n	6 n
Shanghai Docks	110 1/2 n	105 s	105 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 1/2 b	7 b 7 1/2 10 s	7 1/2 b
Hongkong Lands	56 1/2 d	54 1/2 d 56 1/2 s	56 1/2 d b
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 n	6 n
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2 s	3 s	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14 s	13 b 13 1/2 s	13 1/2 b
Prince's Building	80 n	87 n	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	19 n	8 s	8 1/2 s
Oriental	12 1/2 n	2 1/2 s	2 1/2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	13 1/2 n	54 n	54 n.
do. (new)	17 1/2 n	28 n	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	0 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
do. (old)	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	6 s
do. (new)	13 1/2 b	1 n	1 1/2 b
China Buses	9 1/2 n	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2 b	14 b 14 1/2 sa	14 b
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 b	10 1/2 b
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	8 b	8 b
China Prov.	4 1/2 s	4 b & sa	4 b
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 n	17 b	17 s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements.	16 1/2 b 17 1/2	16 1/2 b 17 sa	16 b
H.K. Constructions	2 b 16 1/2	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 b
Hongkong Electric	18 b	58 1/2 59 1/2 4 sa	57 1/2 b
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 n	10 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5 n	5 n	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	21 1/2 b 22 sa	21 1/2 21 80/	22 b
Lane, Crawford's	8 n	7 s 22 sa	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n	—	—
MacKintosh	19 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobacco	—	9 1/2 b	15 b
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 n	8 n	7 1/2 s
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	9 1/2 b	9 n.
Sincere	13 1/2 s	10 1/2 b	11 1/2 n.
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s	70 c	70 Cts s
Taxis	—	—	—
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	12 b	12 1/2 b	12 b
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 1/2 b 3 1/2 s	3 1/2 b	3 30 b

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PLAYS FOR AMERICA.

CHANCE FOR ENGLISH AUTHORS.

Exactly according to schedule Sir Alfred Butt returned from his month's trip to America. Although he made New York his headquarters, it was not the only big city he contrived to bring within the circuit of his observation. As far as can be judged, he contrived, to a considerable extent, to elude the attentions of the omnipresent American reporters, although one seems to have obtained at least a momentary glimpse on the day of his departure. "What a busy fellow this Sir Alfred is," he wrote afterwards. "He came over here to obtain the British rights in a musical comedy, and before he left he bought so many that it was beginning to look as though we would not have any rights left in this country."

The accuracy of this statement is at least doubtful, having regard to Sir Alfred's own announcement in the appended resume of an interview with him, that his purchases were entirely limited to one musical comedy and one play of a dramatic character.

"The general prosperity of America," Sir Alfred declared, "with resultant high wages and prohibition, has undoubtedly created a greater demand than ever for entertainment by all classes. In an effort to meet this demand new places of entertainment are springing up almost every night. One prominent architect whom I had occasion to consult told me that he alone is at the present moment building over seventeen places of entertainment, and New York, which already possesses over eighty first-class theatres, has at the moment no fewer than fourteen new theatres in course of construction. As a result of this activity quality is for the moment giving way to quantity, and I am inclined to think that the standard of entertainment is somewhat lower than previously. As regards musical plays, the number of authors and composers seems to be very limited; consequently their services are in constant demand, and the tendency is for musical entertainments to be manufactured rather than written as the result of careful thought and imagination. There is also almost a slavish tendency for composers and producers constantly to repeat themselves. There are, of course, a few outstanding exceptions, both in the dramatic and musical fields, and I have been fortunate enough to acquire one play of each type, but on the whole, it is a question of quantity, not quality this season, and, in consequence, it is very bad season. In discussing the situation with prominent theatrical people, I was convinced that there never was a better opportunity than at the present moment for British authors and composers to make an effort to write really good plays, as, in addition to the home market, American managers would gladly welcome the chance of being able to acquire and produce them."

The Moving Picture Question.

"The principal reason of my visit to America was in connection with moving pictures. There has been a great outcry in this country, particularly during the last few months, in regard to the American 'invasion,' and strong representations have been made for protection for English pictures, either by way of increased duty on alien films or legislation making it obligatory for every cinema theatre to show a compulsory quota of British films."

"As a result of my investigations and observations, I am more than ever convinced that the success of pictures in America is owing to the fact that it has been recognised that the exploitation of pictures is a very great and important industry, and that men of great imagination and business ability have organised it on sound commercial lines. In this country production, distribution, and exhibition, for the most part, work independently, whereas in America it has been recognised that these single units cannot possibly succeed separately, and in the majority of cases they have been co-ordinated and work as one homogeneous body."

"I do not believe that the permanent solution of the picture industry in this country can be solved by legislation. I think it is rather on the lines of co-ordination and organisation that its future success depends, and I am satisfied that it is worthy of the consideration of

X-RAY FILMS.

PHOTOGRAPHING FOOD IN THE STOMACH.

Cinema films may shortly be shown exhibiting the movements of the human heart, lungs, and stomach. Experimental work in this direction has been carried on in the X-ray department of University College, London, where Mr. Frederick Melville, radiologist, has succeeded in obtaining important results in association with Mr. E. E. Warnford and Mr. E. W. Edwards, of British Instructional Films. The new films are expected to throw much light from a medical point of view on the working of the internal organs.

Discussing the experiments with a Press representative, Mr. Edwards said they were being continued at University College, to secure further improvements in the camera which is being used, and with an ultimate view to building a special camera for the work.

"There are many elements involved," said Mr. Edwards, "and perhaps it is rather early to talk about it yet, but we have got very definite results. We have photographed the normal articulations of the bony parts of the body—the arm, wrist, elbow, &c.—and we want to get eventually the articulations of the whole body which is a big thing, as a screen large enough for the purpose does not exist today. We are going to attempt to photograph the movement of food through the stomach and intestines, the most important thing to be observed, from a medical point of view being the muscular movement of the stomach."

Mr. Edwards explained that not only did the experiments necessitate a camera with more exposure than the ordinary cinema camera, but questions of lighting, and various details of ordinary ray practice, were involved. "We are pretty certain that up to the present we have beaten America and Germany in this matter," he added.

PRINCE'S PLAY.

PASSENGERS ON A SINKING SHIP.

Prince Wilhelm of Sweden's new play, "On Board," presented for the first time in Helsingfors, reminds one in some respect of Sutton Vane's "Outward Bound," though it has no eschatological significance, says an Oslo critic. The scene is laid on board an ocean steamer. Some first-class passengers are viewing the engine-rooms, when the ship is reported sinking. All the passengers are ordered to shovel coal to help the engine-men, and during the strenuous work, with death threatening, each person reveals his or her real self. Rescue comes, and as soon as the danger is removed each passenger resumes the former self, and forgets all the good intentions.

The types presented in the play are much on the Sutton Vane lines: the business man, the frivolous lady, the clergyman, the newly-married couple, the mother and the son, and, finally, the son, who works in the engine-room.

The performance in Helsingfors was a success, but time will show whether that was on account of the royal origin or the intrinsic merit of the play. This is the third play from Prince Wilhelm's hand.

the highest financial brains of this country. There is no reason whatever why we should not have a great financial corporation with the dignity and distinction of some of the other great combines to deal with the matter.

"Whilst it is practically impossible for this country to produce all the pictures required, I satisfied myself, after consultation with some of the great producers in America, that we can produce, and produce successfully, a limited number of pictures for the home market, and that by co-operation with the American producers under a reciprocal policy these pictures would be welcomed in America, where they are greatly in need of something to leave their own prolific production. There is a great outlet for producers of entertainment in this country in the American market, and I can only hope that from an Imperial as well as the industrial point of view they will take advantage of it."

THE "NEW" TENOR.

JAN KIEPURA'S TRIUMPHS IN BUDAPEST.

Jan Kiepura, the "new" Polish tenor, has just concluded a short engagement at the Budapest Opera House, where he created immense enthusiasm. His singing of the air in the second act of "Faust" aroused so much excitement that the opera could not be continued, and the conductor was obliged to concede an encore—a proceeding extremely rare in Budapest, where artistic tradition is taken seriously. The critics declare that the word "marvellous" is sufficient description of the quality and range of Kiepura's voice. They suggest that the advertising of Kiepura as "the second Caruso" is inadequate, and that, considering that his age is twenty-four and his professional experience limited to one year, he should be called not a "second Caruso," but "the first Kiepura."

Kiepura himself calls his career up to the present merely an episode, and admits that he has much to learn. Over two months ago he travelled from Warsaw to Vienna with the intention of remaining two days, but an accidental meeting with an impresario who had known him in Warsaw resulted in his making a contract to remain at the Vienna Opera for two years.

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LARGEST CINEMA IN THE WORLD.

New York now possesses the most sumptuous picture palace in the world—the Paramount Theatre. It is needless to add that it is also the largest in the world.

It towers thirty-five storeys above "Times" Square, the Piccadilly Circus of New York. The building and the site upon which it stands are valued at something like seven million dollars. They belong to the Famous Players Film Corporation, of which Adolph Zukor is head.

The house seats four thousand people, and another two thousand may find room to wander about its acres of space while waiting for the other people to leave.

BEETHOVEN CENTENARY.

The centenary of the death of Beethoven (March 26, 1827) is to be commemorated in his native town (Bonn) by an addition to the well-known museum maintained in the house where he was born. It will take the form of a scientific research institute and a library which is to contain copies of everything which has been published about the great musician in books, periodicals, illustrations, &c. Facsimiles of all documents, &c., in state, municipal, or private collections will be made, and, most important of all, facsimile reproductions of all his well-known compositions, so that all the material for the study of Beethoven's spiritual surroundings and of his time will be collected in one building.

The small collection of old part-books and scores formerly used by the choir at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, S.W., has been deposited by the King on permanent loan in the British Museum.

Arrangements for the purchase of the Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, W.C., by Mr. Tom Walls, the actor-manager, at a price exceeding £100,000, are expected to be completed.

THE PHYSICIAN IN THE HOUSE.

There are minor ailments of the child that do not warrant calling in the doctor, but that can readily be treated by the intelligent parent.

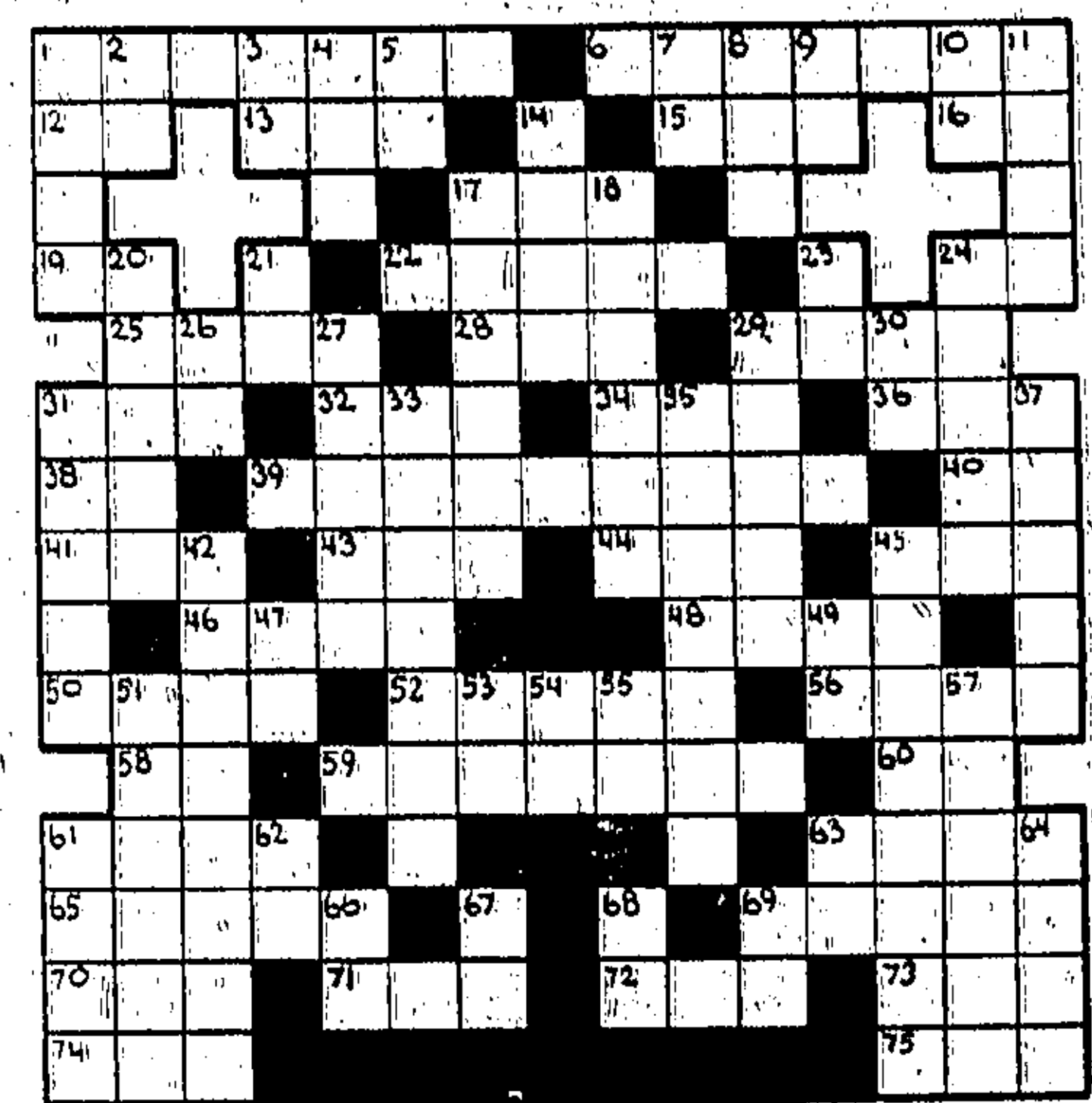
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Christmas decorations
- 6-A decorative garland
- 12-Prefix. Form of "ad"
- 13-Beadles
- 14-Also
- 15-Musical note
- 17-It is (contr.)
- 19-Interjection
- 22-A Christmas green
- 24-Personal pronoun
- 26-N. Central State of U. S.
- 28-One of the grains
- 29-To pipe like a chicken
- 31-Dried sap of certain trees
- 32-A wheeled vehicle
- 34-To employ
- 35-A high mountain
- 38-Has being
- 39-Best-beloved holiday
- 40-An island of New York (abbr.)
- 41-Small in number
- 42-Radiant (abbr.)
- 43-Possessives
- 45-Prefix. Not
- 46-Newspaper paragraph
- 48-Combining form. Brittle
- 50-Without (French)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 52-To embarrass
- 55-Playing card (pl.)
- 56-Promissory note (abbr.)
- 59-A number
- 60-Interjection
- 61-Mar.
- 63-Sham
- 65-Daunted
- 66-Girl's name
- 70-Suffix. Same as "ous"
- 71-First woman
- 72-A number
- 73-Prefix. Upward
- 74-To marry
- 75-To use needle and thread

VERTICAL

- 1-An undulation
- 2-One of the churches (abbr.)
- 3-Close to
- 4-Every; always
- 5-Half a score
- 6-Height (abbr.)
- 7-Diminutive suffix
- 8-To scatter, as seed
- 9-Towards
- 10-A proposition
- 11-Hub of a wheel
- 14-Greasy
- 17-Sultry
- 18-A detective
- 20-To place under cover

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-A New England State (abbr.)
- 23-A day of the week (abbr.)
- 24-A familiar salutation
- 26-His Majesty (abbr.)
- 27-A yellow-paint
- 28-A vegetable (pl.)
- 30-A musical note
- 31-You get these at Xmas
- 33-The language spoken by Christ
- 35-Shattered
- 37-Christmas tree (pl.)
- 42-Separated from
- 43-nukes, as grass
- 45-A beloved saint
- 47-Till sale (abbr.)
- 48-Tantalum (chem. sym.)
- 51-To place near
- 53-Box (abbr.)
- 54-Close to
- 55-Every; always
- 57-A geological period
- 61-Flat-bottomed boat
- 62-Tellurium (chem. sym.)
- 65-N. E. State of U. S.
- 66-Kite
- 67-To understand
- 68-Prefix. From
- 69-To exist
- 69-Pronoun
- 69-A call to excite attention

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

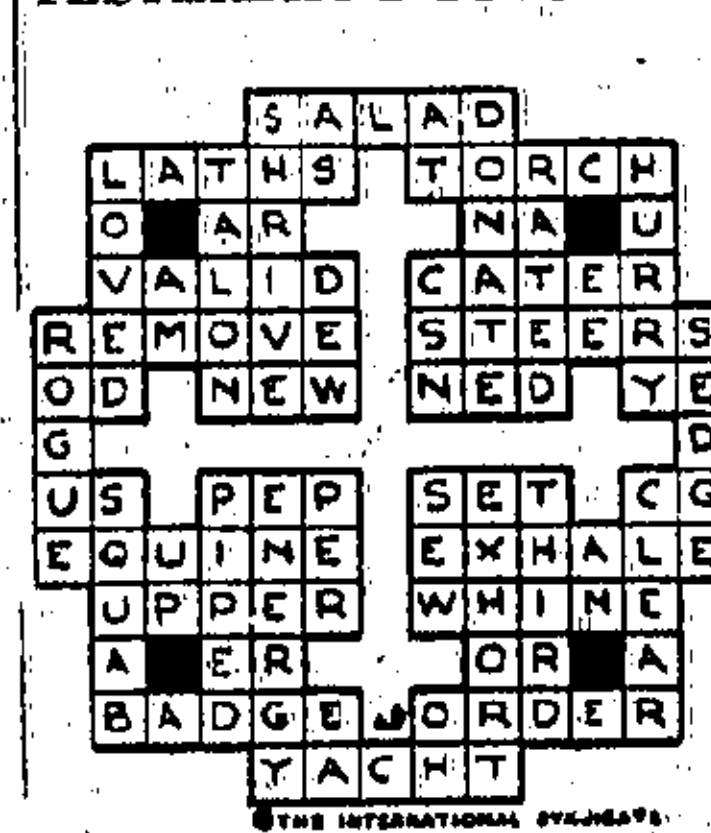
GIRL GETS \$750 A NIGHT.

New York.—The management of the Metropolitan Opera House has voluntarily given Marion Talley a new contract, at a salary of \$750 a night.

Miss Talley, who is 20 years of age, came to New York from Kansas City last year, and has proved the greatest young soprano of the decade.

High tributes were paid to the children's choir and pianoforte work in the Glasgow musical festival by the adjudicators, who said there was no danger that Scotland would neglect the highest music.

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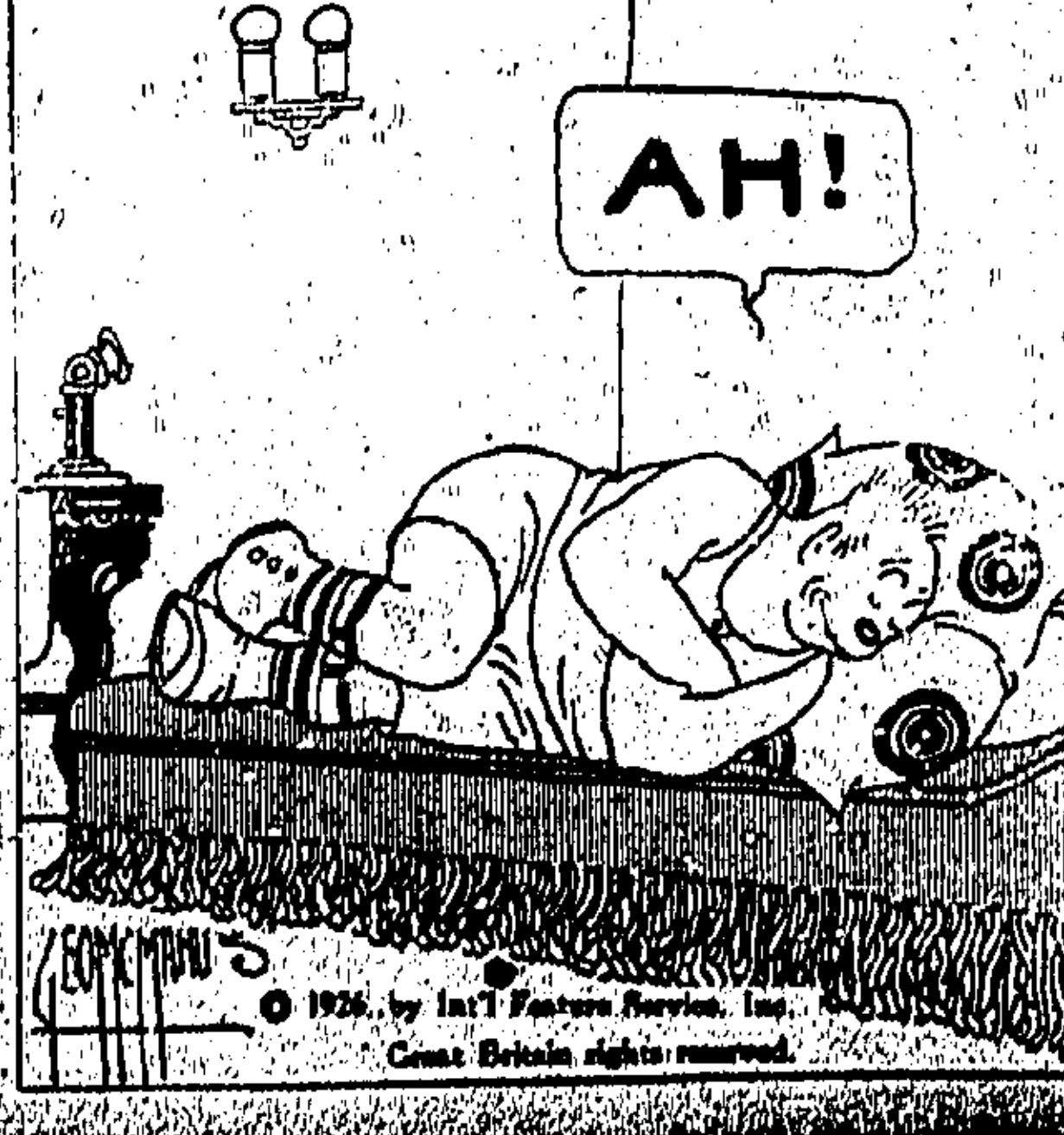
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The Swedish Railway Board has given instructions that time-tables from May 15 should be based on the 24-hour clock.

The Penny a Week Fund of workers in aid of the West Kent Hospital has yielded during the year a record sum of 23,150.

Three young women were killed when a motor-car fell down the mountain side while crossing Botha's Pass in the Drakensberg, South Africa.

While assisting to extinguish a fire at St. John's Hospital, Wandsworth, two young nurses, Miss Amelia Swanson and Miss Marie Albrighten, were injured.

Locked in the house for half an hour, a dog is believed to have upset a lighted paraffin lamp and caused a fire, which rendered four families homeless at Old Whittington, near Chesterfield.

Miss Winifred Guy, whose collection representing the poster art of the world was shown at the Whitechapel Art Gallery for three months in 1924 and 1925, is taking the exhibition to Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

The Pope granted an audience to Mr. Cary-Elwes, Bishop of Northampton, with whom he had a cordial conversation lasting half an hour. Afterwards the Bishop visited Cardinal Gasparri, Secretary of State.

The dispute in the diamond-cutting trade of Antwerp has been settled, the workers receiving an increase of 10 per cent. on their basic wages and a bonus of 5 per cent. on each 25 points rise in the cost-of-living index.

"Flowercraft" is the name of a model rural industry at Down St. Mary, Devon, engaged in the production of pot-pourri, sold in bowls made from local wood by a village turner and sachets of sweet-scented roses, lavender, and verbenas.

M. Bech, Minister of State, has been asked by the President of Luxembourg to make a statement at the next sitting of the Chamber on the result of his communications with the League of Nations in regard to the relations of the Grand Duchy with Belgium.

The Essen police have discovered in a well-known chocolate factory, an illicit distillery, with a huge quantity of spirituous liquor and brandy. The apparatus and stocks of alcohol, both raw and "matured," were confiscated and many employees arrested.

Traffic on the main L.M.S. line at Crewe was dislocated for four hours owing to a breakdown of electric signalling there.

Owing to an outbreak of fire in the vestry the service at Toxteth Congregational Church, Liverpool, had to be abandoned.

Mr. Godfrey Tearle, the actor, who has been seriously ill underwent an operation to his throat and was stated to be as well as could be expected.

Responding to the personal invitation of the Bishop of Lincoln, Mr. Arthur Cecil Northon, a farmer, was ordained deacon by the bishop in Lincoln Cathedral.

While cycling with a friend at Banstead, Surrey, Mr. Uriah Jordan, of Bushey Road, Sutton, exclaimed "I feel queer," and fell from his machine and died.

"We shall not have another general strike in my lifetime," declared Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., general secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

While a wedding party was being driven to the parish church at Garston, Liverpool, Elizabeth Martin, aged 59, of Shand Street, Garston, was knocked down and killed by their motor-car.

On the day fixed for his wedding William Hayes, 38, a clock-maker, of Ronald's Road, High-bury, N., drank spirits of saults, and a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at the inquest.

Captain F. Creagh-Osborne, Director of the Admiralty Compass Department since 1917, has retired and is succeeded by Commander G. B. Harrison, superintendent of the naval branch of the observatory.

Mr. J. C. P. Phillips, known as the first aero-commercial traveller, received facial injuries when he crashed at Ripley, Derbyshire, while flying from Leeds to Manchester, and his machine was wrecked.

Referring to recent attacks upon pedestrians by dogs of the Akatian breed, Captain Hacking said that the Home Secretary saw no reason to suppose that the ordinary law as to dogs was not sufficient for the public safety.

The Rev. Rupert Brooke Harrison, aged 33, curate to Viscount Mountmorres, vicar of St. Mark's, South Farnborough, Hampshire, was found dead in the vicarage, with a bottle, stated to have contained poison, lying near him.

There are now 515,340 telephones in the London area.

A county Council return shows that there are 5,849 public-houses and beershops in London.

The L.C.C. are taking preliminary steps in connection with a scheme for widening Putney Bridge.

Colliding with an undertaker's motor-car on a hill near Pyle (Glam.), Francis Bretton, a cyclist, who was cycling home, was killed.

The Lord Chancellor has presented the Rev. A. H. Manning vicar of Egmont, Newton-on-Trent, to the united benefice of Bramford Speke with Cowley, Devon.

Whaddon Chase hounds met without finding a fox, but as the best covers, where foxes were likely to be found, lay in a direction where a funeral was taking place, the Master of the hunt (Lord Dalmeny) gave the order for home.

A silver-grey animal about 30 inches long with a heavy body and head like a rat's was seen near the cottages on Bulloch Down Farm, Beachy Head, by an employee named James Bridger, who shot it. The presence of the strange animal, whose species is unknown, looking like a rat, is unaccounted for.

Sixty girls were working in a room at the factory of Robert M'Brice & Co., Belfast, when the corrugated iron roof was suddenly blown off and the windows shattered by an explosion of gas. Two girls were so severely injured that they had to be taken to hospital. The girls kept cool, and a panic was averted.

During the progress of excavating the bed of a new branch canal, the mechanical "navy" unearthed the skeleton of a giant "mammoth" in a remarkably good state of preservation (says Reuter's Gelsenkirchen correspondent). The head is about 1.20 metres long, and the frontal bone is one metre broad.

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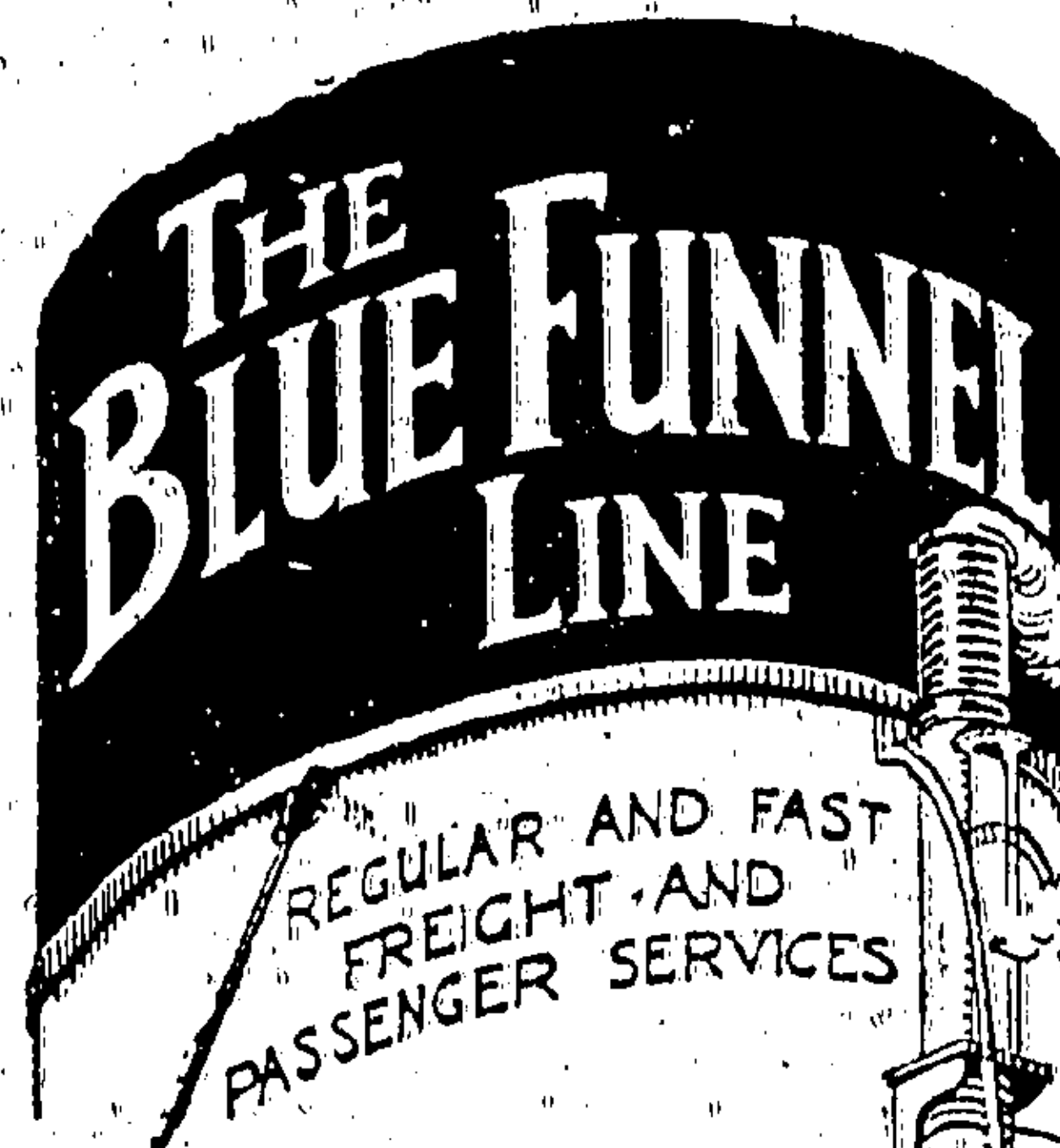
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"STAR" FERRY CO.

Directors' Fee Considered Ridiculous!

SEASON TICKET HINTS.

At to-day's annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., Mr. J. M. Alves (a shareholder) described the directors' joint fee of \$1,000 as ridiculous and a resolution was passed increasing the amount to \$2,000.

A hint was thrown out in the chairman's review that to safeguard the company's revenue, it may be necessary to do away with season tickets.

Suggestions from the Kowloon Residents' Association, it was stated, would be welcomed.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman) presided, supported by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (directors) and Mr. F. H. Crapnell (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. W. S. Bailey, D. C. Logan, J. Hyde, D. Mackenzie, C. F. Lee, S. B. Tan, J. H. Taggart, A. J. Edgar, F. M. Crawford, J. M. Alves, A. H. M. da Silva, O. F. Ribeiro, R. V. Harris, J. T. Bagram and W. J. Hawker.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

After the reading of the convening notice by the secretary and the customary introduction, the chairman said:—

During the past year the Company has sustained a great loss in the death of the late Sir C. P. Chatter. Sir Paul first became a director in 1899 and except for two brief intervals he has been an active member of the board since that date and has taken a very keen interest in the Company.

He was chairman of the board in 1899. In that year the net earnings of the launches amounted to \$25,845 and dividend paid \$10,500, compared with \$298,419 and \$240,000 for 1926. These figures give an indication of the growth of the Company in the years Sir Paul was a director.

Same Dividend and Bonus.

You will observe from the accounts that after transferring \$25,000 to special repairs fund and 20,000 to accident fund there remains a balance of \$271,225.71. It is proposed to pay the same dividend and bonus as last year, that is, a dividend of \$1.50 and bonus of \$1.50 per share absorbing \$240,000 and carry forward \$31,225.71, which is \$1,008.98 less than brought forward from the previous year.

In the year under review we began extensive repairs to the Hong Kong wharf which has had very little attention for many years. In addition we are carrying out the alterations to the superstructure which were referred to at our meeting a year ago.

The cost of all this will amount to about \$110,000. It will be possible to charge part of it to capital account but a large proportion will have to be debited to special repairs account.

The debit of \$21,777.20 to this account in the year under review is in respect of the repairs.

Why the Work is Slow.

When the alterations are complete the public will find the arrangements for passengers using the ferries to be a great improvement.

The work on the wharf is being carried out with as little inconvenience as possible to the travelling public but progress is slow as the pier is constantly in use and also because certain work can only be done at low tide.

The ferry earnings for the year were \$502,101.69, an increase of \$24,000 over the previous year.

This figure has only once been exceeded in the history of the Company. That was in 1924, when the date of the close of the financial year was changed, and as the accounts were only for eight months the large earnings were not so apparent.

Two Old Ferries Sold.

The four ferries built in the last three years are bigger than the old ones and, of course, the cost of running them, including fuel and insurance, is higher. Thus the net earnings of the boats shown in the profit and loss account does not show the same increase as the actual earnings.

Our fleet now consists of the four new ferries and three older ones. The other two old ones, "Northern Star" and "Southern Star," have been sold since December 31, at prices which show useful profits on their book value. Our receipts from interest are lower as funds were needed to pay for the new ferries.

The retiring bonus of \$2,500 was granted to Mr. Hooper when he retired, after being associated with the Company since its commencement, and the directors feel sure shareholders will approve of this gratuity.

Meeting Public's Wishes.

Your directors, Gentlemen, are appreciative of the fact that this Company is a public utility company and that the needs of the community must be met as far as practicable. In designing the new arrangements of the Hong Kong wharf, we consulted the committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association and were very glad to receive the benefit of their advice.

The directors will always welcome any suggestions this Association may make with regard to the ferry service.

I regret to say that owing to some people using the ferries without tickets, it became necessary to ask season ticket holders to produce their tickets for inspection.

The large number of them makes it impracticable for the staff to recognise everyone and some system of this nature is necessary to safeguard the interests of shareholders.

Ticket on Each Trip?

I trust that all users of the ferry service will co-operate with the staff so as to avoid the necessity of some other method of collecting fares having to be instituted which might not be so convenient to the regular travellers.

The number of passengers is increasing and though the directors are loth to do away with the present system of season tickets they may have to come into line with the practice in many places in England and America and insist on a ticket being produced each trip.

I do not think there is anything more that calls for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, and after this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to reply to any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang seconded. No question was put and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Alves's Proposal.

When the next item on the agenda came up, Mr. Alves said:—

"Now in regard to the remuneration of directors, Gentlemen, I do not know whether you are aware of the figure. It is only \$1,000 to be divided among three, which I consider ridiculous. In other words \$333.33 a piece. Why we are paying our agents and the auditor much more. It is true that there is nothing very intricate in the administration of the Company, but still they give their close attention to the Working Account, where the germs of wastages and leakages may creep in, many a time, unnoticeable at first. I am sure that I am not naming too much. If I propose that the directors' fees be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000."

Mr. Alves also asked if he was in order and the chairman replied that he could not say off-hand. Mr. Alves intimated that, as far as he knew, it was the usual procedure to bring up the question of remuneration at the same time as the appointment of directors was considered.

"A Different Proposition."

The Hon. Mr. Bernard then stated that the proposal would be accepted and, if passed, the opinion of the company's legal advisers would be sought.

Mr. W. S. Bailey added that he entirely agreed with the remarks made by Mr. Alves on the inadequacy of the directors' fees. "I certainly think that for a company of this standing, the work entailed and as conducted by the directors, a fee of \$2,000 each is not too much." Mr. Bailey accordingly seconded Mr. Alves's proposal. Mr. Bailey distinctly mentioned \$2,000 each whereas Mr. Alves's proposal was \$2,000 for the three. The motion as proposed by the chairman indicated \$2,000 in all.

On Mr. Bailey's sitting down, the chairman observed that the question of the directors' remuneration had been considered by them when the Articles of Association were revised. "We didn't care to bring it up then, ourselves," added Mr. Bernard, "but now that the shareholders have brought it forward, it becomes a different proposition." (Laughter).

OTHER BUSINESS.

On being put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously.

The next business was the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. A. S. D. Cousland as director. This was proposed by Mr. Alves (who addressed the meeting when the subject came up) and seconded by Mr. J. Hyde. Carried unanimously.

The re-appointment of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang to the board was also carried unanimously—proposed by Mr. J. H. Taggart, seconded by Mr. D. C. Logan.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., was re-elected auditor for the ensuing year—proposed by Mr. W. S. Bailey, seconded by Mr. F. M. Crawford.

Dividend warrants will be obtainable at the office on Monday.

"SUNNING" EXPOIT.

A STIRRING STORY OF VALOUR.

TYPICAL OF THE SERVICE.

Mr. Thos. Scott, Secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, in a letter to "Lloyd's List," referring to the foiled piratical attack on the British ship "Sunning," off Swatow, says the cold facts related by Sir Austen Chamberlain concealed as stirring a story of British valour on the seas as any in history, as a small handful of British Merchant officers, six in number, after a most desperate battle lasting well into the night, succeeded in defeating no less than forty pirates, the vessel, gutted amidships, being subsequently safely towed into port. These gallant British officers are typical of the Service which, during the Great War, kept the high seas open; during the General Strike never failed in their duty; and throughout the years of industrial unrest never once gave the King, his Government, or the British public a moment of anxiety. It is to be hoped that a special medal will be made to suitably honour the services of these officers in particular, and thereby to the British people generally. The Royal Seaforth's war-time work, or foul as ever, ready, in the service of their country, brought the seven seas. My country, as the senior representative body of British Shippers and Officers, will co-operate in any effort to secure a public acknowledgment of the services rendered.

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FURTHER SHIPMENT FROM FRANCE.

New York, Jan. 27. A further consignment of French gold, valued at 142,000,000 francs has arrived and has been transferred to armoured trucks, which have proceeded to an unknown destination in the Wall Street district. Reuter's American Service.

AMERICAN COLD WAVE.

Chicago, Jan. 16. The Middle-west and near North-west remain in the grip of zero weather, while the crest of the cold wave sweeps into the east with temperatures tumbling nearly to zero.

SUICIDE IN THE AIR?

London, Jan. 17. Maurice Boucher, 32, an engineer, was missed shortly after an aeroplane left Alicante for Casablanca. His body has been found in a field and death is believed to be due to suicide.

LONDON'S NEW ICE-RINK.

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